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Requalificação de zonas ribeirinhas projetos Interreg Ripidurable e Ricover











# Requalificação de zonas ribeirinhas projetos Interreg Ripidurable e Ricover

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#### RIPIDURABLE Parceiros

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- Cãmara Municpal de Alpiarça (PT)
- Câmara Municipal de Montemor-o-Novo (PT)
- Instituto Superior de Agronomia (PT)
- Universidade de Évora(PT)
- Banco de Sementes da Generalidade Valenciana (SP)
- CNRS Montpellier (FR)
- Universidade de Borgonha (FR)
- Insituto de Águas Interiores (GR)
- Universidade de Ioaninna (GR)
- Agencia de Desenvolvimento de Amvrakikos (GR)







#### **Outputs**

A total of 18 studies were developed:

- Methodological studies on Flora,
   Birds, and propagation techniques
   suitable for riparian areas (PT, SP, FR, GR)
- •Floristic studies of Tejo and Sado basins (PT); northern Greece (GR); Valencian region (SP)
- •Study on the use of remote sensing in the identification of riparian areas that need to be restored (PT)
- •Study for the proposal of classification of the wetland « Paul da Goucha » (PT) as nature reserve
- •Birds studies related to the impact of riparian management in bird populations and the use of birds as indicators of riparian structure condition (PT and FR).



#### CASE STUDY – PAUL DA GOUCHA, PORTUGAL



ENVIRONMENTAL REHABILITATION



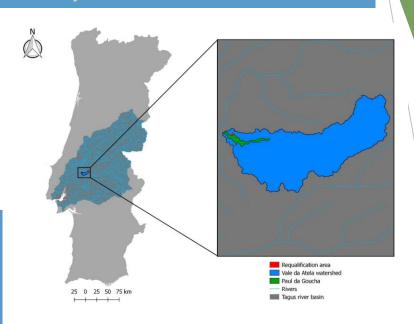
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NATURAL RIPARIAN
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COLONIZATION



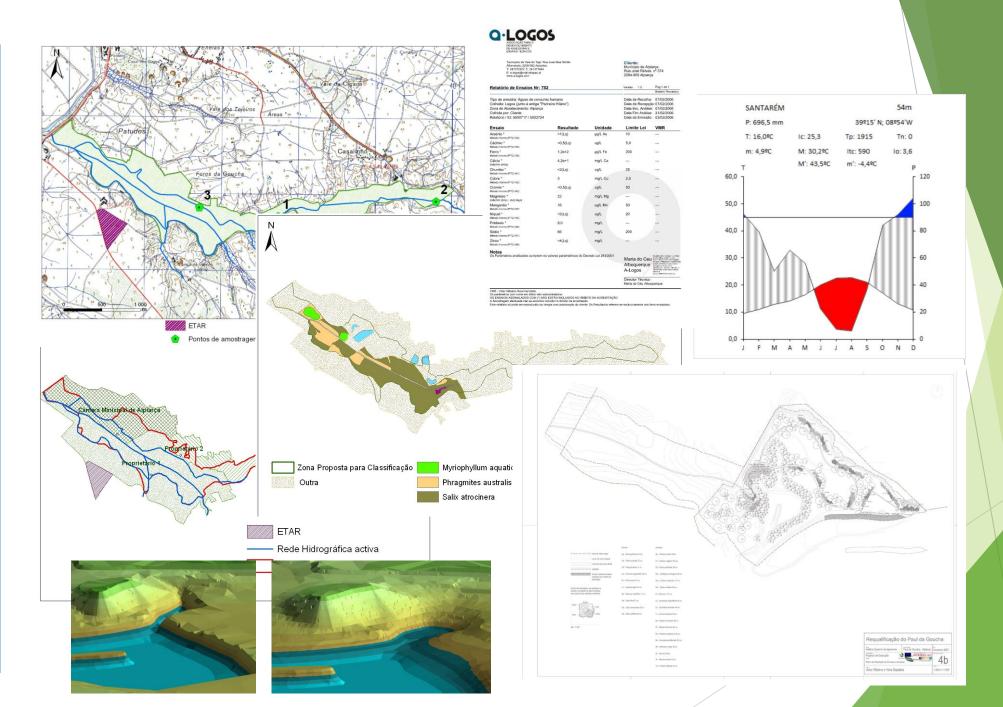


**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION** 









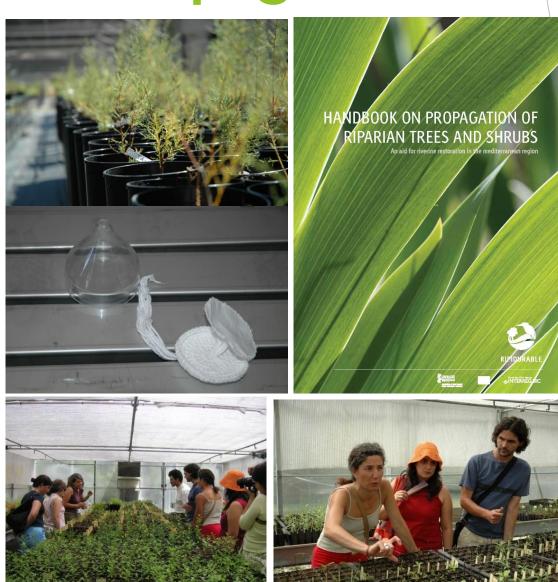




## **Native Plant Propagation**

The lack of suitable plant material from the same geographic region for pilot restoration projects was addressed



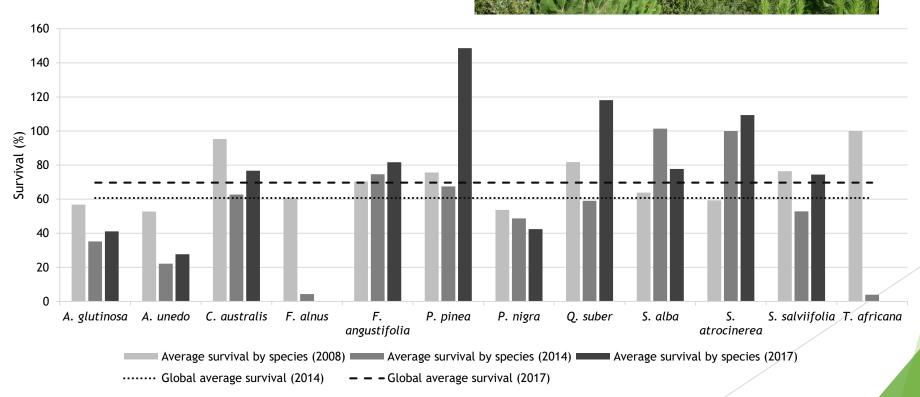




#### **MONITORING**

- Global average survival after 9 years was 70% (stolen plants were recorded, but counted as dead).
- About 7% of the plants were stolen with Populus nigra (23% of the plants stolen) and Arbutus unedo (17% stolen) being the the most attractive for robbers.

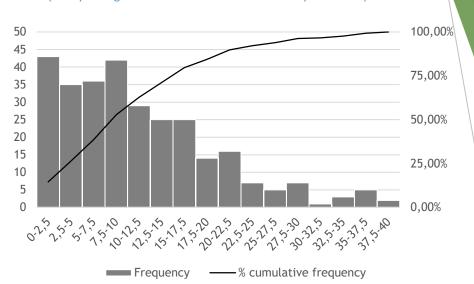


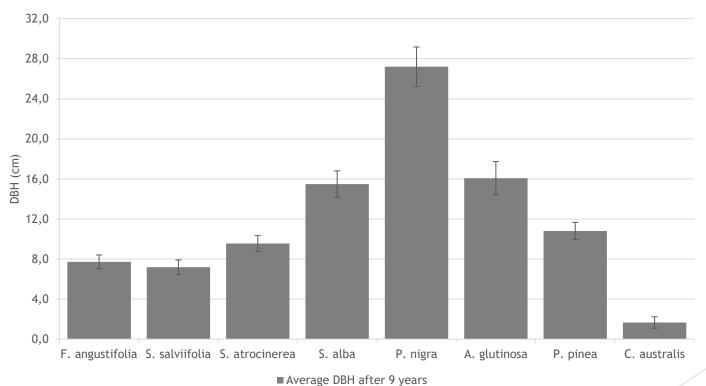


#### **MONITORING**

- Most of the highest values observed 9
  years after planting account for natural
  regeneration from the seed bank and
  adjacent reproductive tree sources.
- Populus nigra presented the highest average DBH (27.2±2.0 cm), followed by Alnus glutinosa (16.1±1.7 cm) and Salix alba (15.5±1.3 cm).

Frequency histogram with DBH class distribution 9 years after plantation





### Bioengineering Techniques

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Plantation of yellow iris (Iris pseudacorus) rizhomes (>15x)
Live fascines (3x)
Wattle fences(2x)
Brush mattresses (1x)
Live cuttings combined with geotextile reinforced earth (1x)
Planted coconut fiber rolls (4x)
Vegetated log cribwall (1x)
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## Live fascines







## Wattle fences



#### Wattle fences

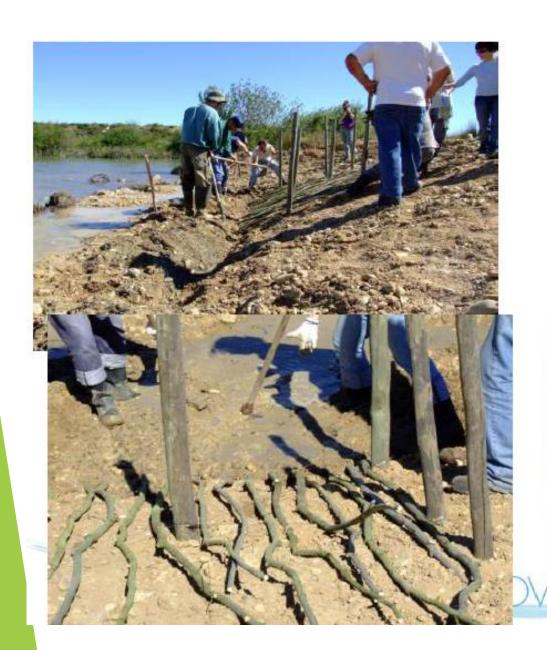




After 41 months (September 2011)

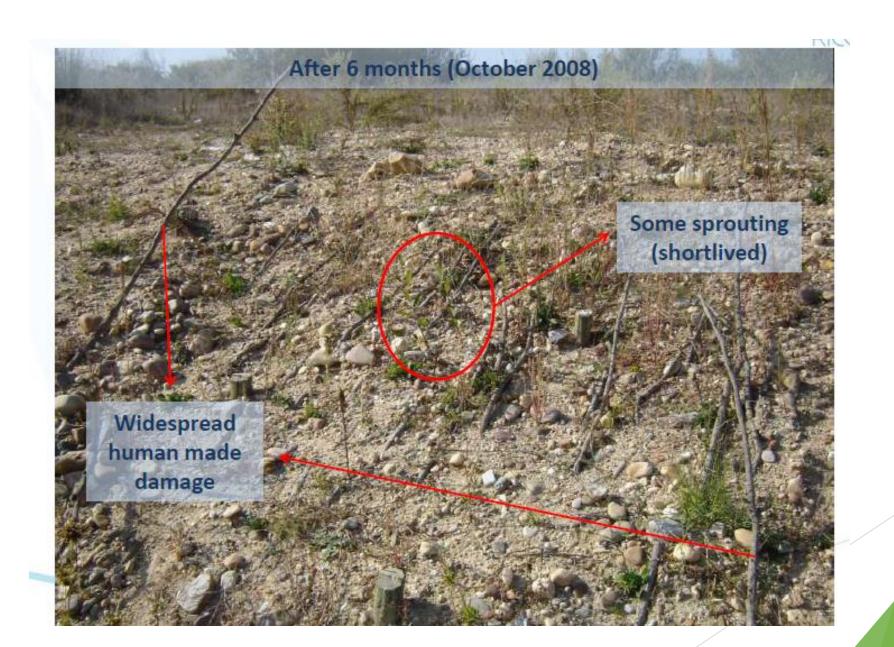


### Brush mattresses





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### Planted coconut fiber rolls



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#### **MONITORING - SOIL BIOENGINEERING**

- Poles and live cuttings of Salix atrocinerea collected on the undisturbed sections of the Paul da Goucha
- Variable success, related mainly to the proximity to water and the use of live cuttings instead of rooted plants in the driest locations.





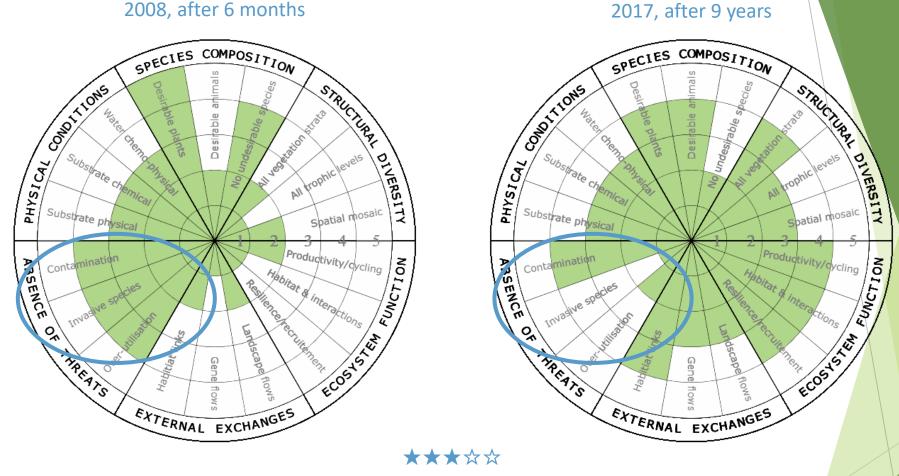
A, B e C: Cribwall

D: Brush mattress

E: planted coconut fiber rolls

F: Wattle fences

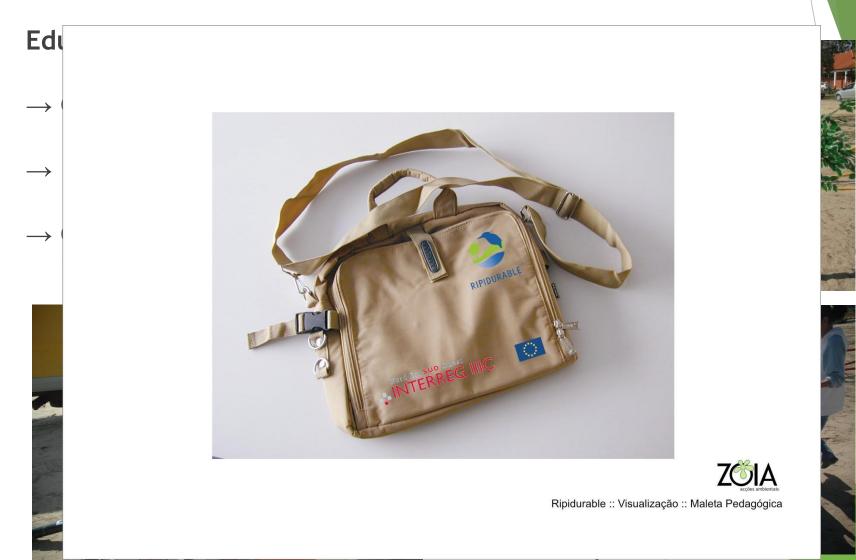
G: Live fascines



Adjacent threats being managed or mitigated and very low threat from undesirable species onsite. A moderate subset of characteristic native species are established and some evidence of ecosystem functionality commencing. Improved connectivity in evidence.



#### Actividades desenvolvidas



















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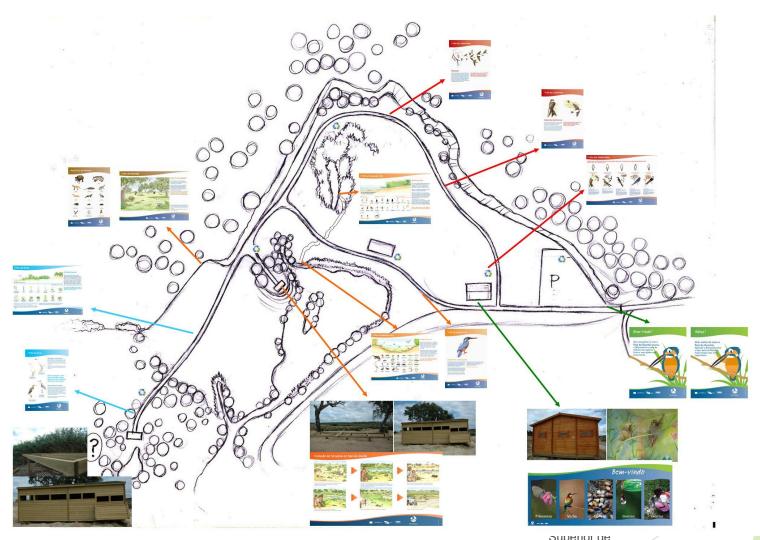


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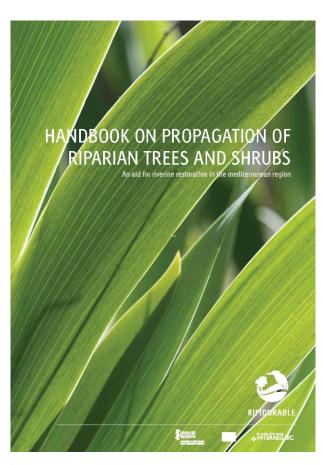


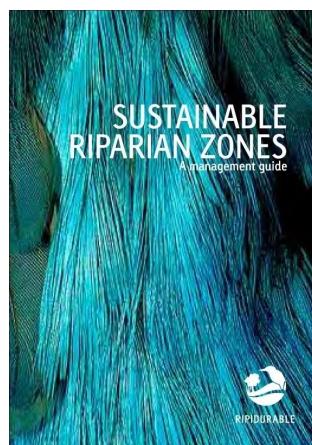


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# Outputs Development of good practice model and its diffusion

- Books
- Seminars
- Participation in congresses across Europe
- Leaflets
- Courses (propagation material and Bioengineering)
- Stands at fairs
- Web-site
- Field visits
- TV spots



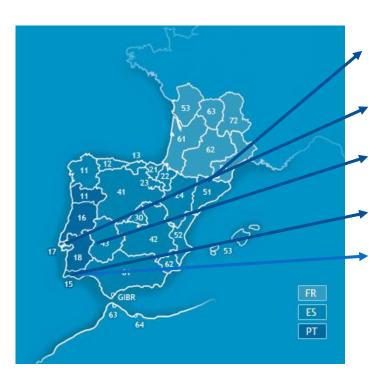


## In the end...





## From the desire to apply learned knowledge.



Forestry Centre of Catalonia (SP)

Institute of Agricultural Sciences (PT)
Dept. of Evaluation and Environmental
Quality of Government of Extremadura (SP)
Waters of Algarve, S.A. (PT)

Regional Water Administration of Algarve (PT)







#### **Outputs**

- Identification of degraded reaches in each region
- Studies on identification and control of exotic species (best techniques to apply)
- Propagation of native tree and shrub species
- Monitor fluvial biodiversity prior and post recovery actions (flora, macro invertebrates, fish and birds)
- Joint definition of the best techniques and methodologies for river restoration on fluvial ecosystems in the SUDOE region

#### **Outputs**

- River Restoration Projects:
  - ▶ PT 3,5km in Odelouca Basin Algarve; 3 km in Algarve region;
  - ▶ SP 19,3 km in the Catalonia region and 3 km in Extremadura region
- Best practice guide
- ▶ Report on the adequate machinery for river restoration projects
- Multidisciplinary courses for technicians (including e-learning module and in field practice)

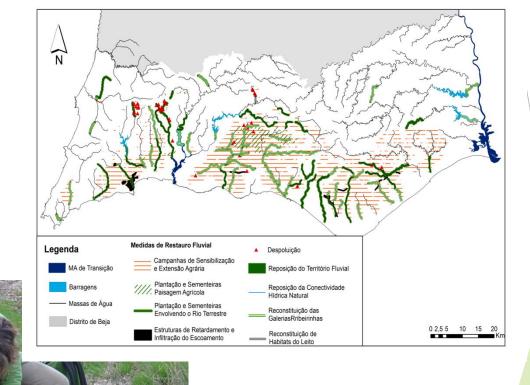
## **Outputs**

- ► Technical Seminars about: River management, Exotic species control, Bio-indicators of good ecological status, GIS applied to river management
- Public sessions for result diffusion, including recover technique application
- Leaflets about exotic and native species, regional plans of river recovery and pilot projects developed
- Web-site development
- Study trips

## Instituto Superior de Agronomia

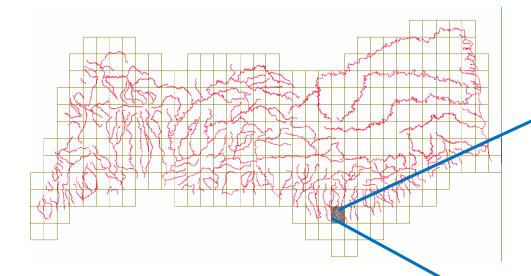
- Propagation of 12 000 plants for the river restoration projects for the Algarve region
- Production of the regional chart for river recovery of Algarve
- Propagation courses for plant nurseries





# **ARH do Algarve**

- Algarve Regional chart of river restoration (PT)
- •Alien species map (*Arundo donax*)
- Best suitable techniques for control







# Águas do Algarve, S.A.

#### **Recovery project of Riparian Areas**

#### 7 reaches identified that need intervention

Troço M (115m)

Troço K (1241m)

Troço I (460m)

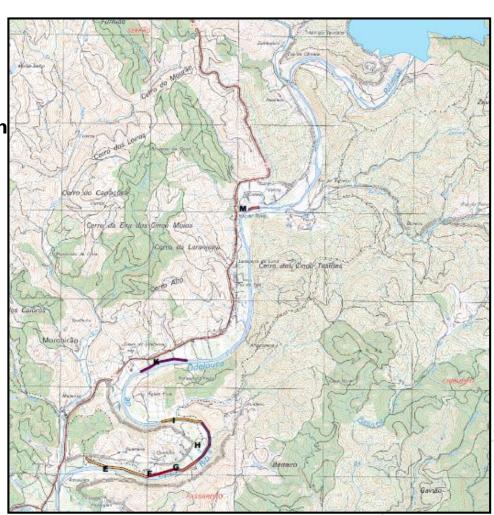
Troço H (510m)

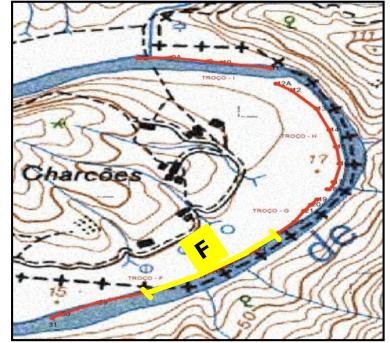
Troço G (210m)

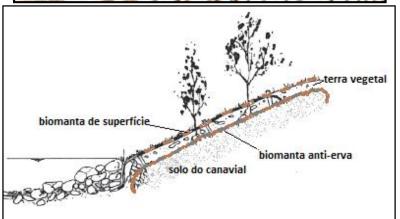
Troço F (320m)

Troço E (690m)

Total: total aprox. 3,5 km







### Stretch F

- length 550m
- height 8/10m
- Sedimentation zone
- High concentration of exotic Arundo donax



### Intervention

- Exotic species control;
- Organic blanket application for soil
- Covering bio-blanket with vegetal earth (20cm);
- Willow plantation: trees and live cuttings
- Bedrock at base



















































































































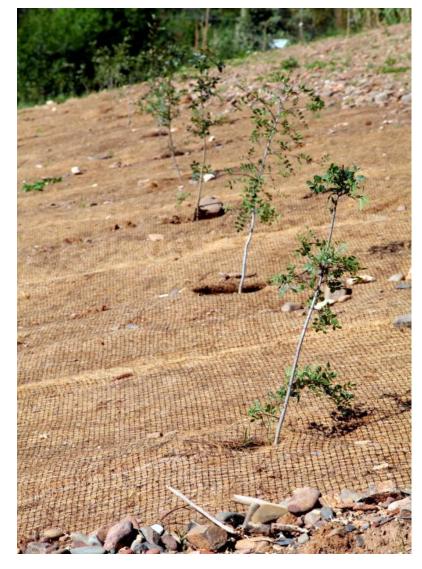






























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# Paul da Goucha

