

Contribution to the study of the *Taeniathero-Aegilopion geniculatae* alliance in Portugal

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Abstract. - This paper deals with the study of *Taeniathero-Aegilopion geniculatae* subnitrophilous communities found in the centre and south of Portugal, particularly in abandoned olive groves with vegetal cover. The edaphic and phytosociological study reveals that these pasturelands thrive on neutro-basic soils. In the corresponding dendrogram and in the co-location network, their peculiar floristic composition and, in particular, the co-existence of acidophilous and basophilous species give rise to a cluster of relevés distinctly separated from the rest. Consequently we propose the new *Plantagini bellardii-Aegilopetum geniculatae* association. It is different from the rest not only because of a number of differential species, but also for ecological reasons. In this respect, the edaphic analysis clearly reveals that all these samples correspond to soils with a pH value equal to or higher than 7, whereas the closest association, *Trifolio cherleri-Taenitheretum capitis-medusae*, presents a pH record below 7. There are also differences as far as the biogeographical unit and the vegetation series are concerned.

Key words : pastureland - subnitrophilous - plant association - edaphic - Portugal.

Résumé. - Nous avons mené une étude des communautés subnitrophiles du *Taeniathero-Aegilopion geniculatae* dans le centre et le sud du Portugal dans les olivettes abandonnées végétalisées. L'étude édaphique et phytosociologique montre que ces pelouses croissent sur des sols neutro-basiques. Par la composition floristique caractéristique, dans le dendrogramme et dans la grille d'emplacement, se sépare des autres un groupe de relevés, séparation liée à la coexistence d'espèces acidophiles et basophiles. Par conséquent, nous proposons ici la nouvelle association *Plantagini bellardii-Aegilopetum geniculatae*, différente des autres par un ensemble d'espèces différencielles et par son écologie, puisque l'analyse édaphique montre que tous les relevés se trouvent dans des sols à pH égal ou supérieur à 7, tandis que l'association la plus proche, le *Trifolio cherleri-Taenitheretum capitis-medusae*, présente un pH inférieur à 7. Il y a aussi des différences phytogéographiques et dynamiques.

Mots clés : pelouses - subnitrophile - association végétale - édaphique - Portugal.

I. INTRODUCTION

This survey on edaphic bioindicators involved the sampling of different types of pasturelands in the Portuguese Alentejo and a number of territories in Spain and Italy. Our work focuses mainly on the subnitrophilous pasturelands of *Taeniathero-Aegilopion geniculatae* Rivas-Martínez & Izco 1977, which we studied in Portugal and Spain (Cano-Ortiz, 2007). Although many authors have studied this alliance (Rivas-Martínez & Izco, 1977; García Fuentes *et al.*, 2000; Santos *et al.*, 1988; Cano & García Fuentes, 1994; Cano *et al.*, 1998; Rivas-Martínez *et al.*, 2001; Pinto-Gomes & Paiva-Ferreira, 2005), the phytosociological and edaphic profile of these pasturelands has been never dealt with. This paper aims at filling this gap.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The paper studies the *Taeniathero Aegilopion geniculatae* communities in Portugal. The area under study corresponds to the Alentejo, Beixa, Castelo Branco (Fig. 1). The field work involved the implementation of 40 phytosociological relevés of subnitrophilous pasturelands and 20 relevés of pure pasturelands. For this purpose we first took a preliminary area of 0.5 m², made a relevé and recorded the number of species present. Then, we progressively enlarged the initial area at the rate of 0.5 m², up to the point where the number of species recorded increased less than 10% as compared with the number recorded in the preceding smaller area.

The naming of the taxa was made following a number of bibliographical references: *Flora Ibérica* (Castroviejo *et al.* (eds), 2001), *Flora Europaea* (Tutin *et al.*, 1964-1980), *Flora Andalucía Occidental* (Valdés *et al.*, 1987) and, especially, the *Flora de Pereira* (1939). We also took soil samples to analyze the most relevant edaphic parameters as far as the occurrence of the taxa is concerned: cationic exchange capacity, carbonates, Ca, assimilable P, Mg, OMM %, N, pH, K, salinity and texture. The phytosociological analysis was made according to the methods suggested by Braun Blanquet (1979) and Rivas-Martínez *et al.* (2001). The study also carries out a comparative analysis of the closest associations by means of a synthetic table (Table I).

We carried out a cluster analysis to obtain the relevant grouping in order to establish the relationships between the different phytosociological samplings. For this purpose we used the programmes *Cluster* and *Tree View* (<http://rana.lbl.gov/EisenSoftware.htm>).

In order to analyze the occurrence of the most generalist species in the different associations under study and to back up the proposal for new associations and to describe the relationships between these and other associations previously discussed, we generated phytosociological co-location networks. By so doing, we obtained graphs in which the nodes correspond to the characteristic species of the associations and the interconnecting arcs indicate that both species co-locate in a shared association. Therefore, the matrices used contain pairs of data corresponding to species which occur in the same locations.

We used the programme *Pajek* 1.10 (<http://vlado.fmf.uni-lj.si/pub/networks/pajek/>) to generate the networks. The representation algorithm was that of Kamada-Kawai. The species belonging to one single association are represented by circular nodes and are peripheral to the graph. By contrast, those which co-locate in two or more associations tend to appear in the centre of the graph.

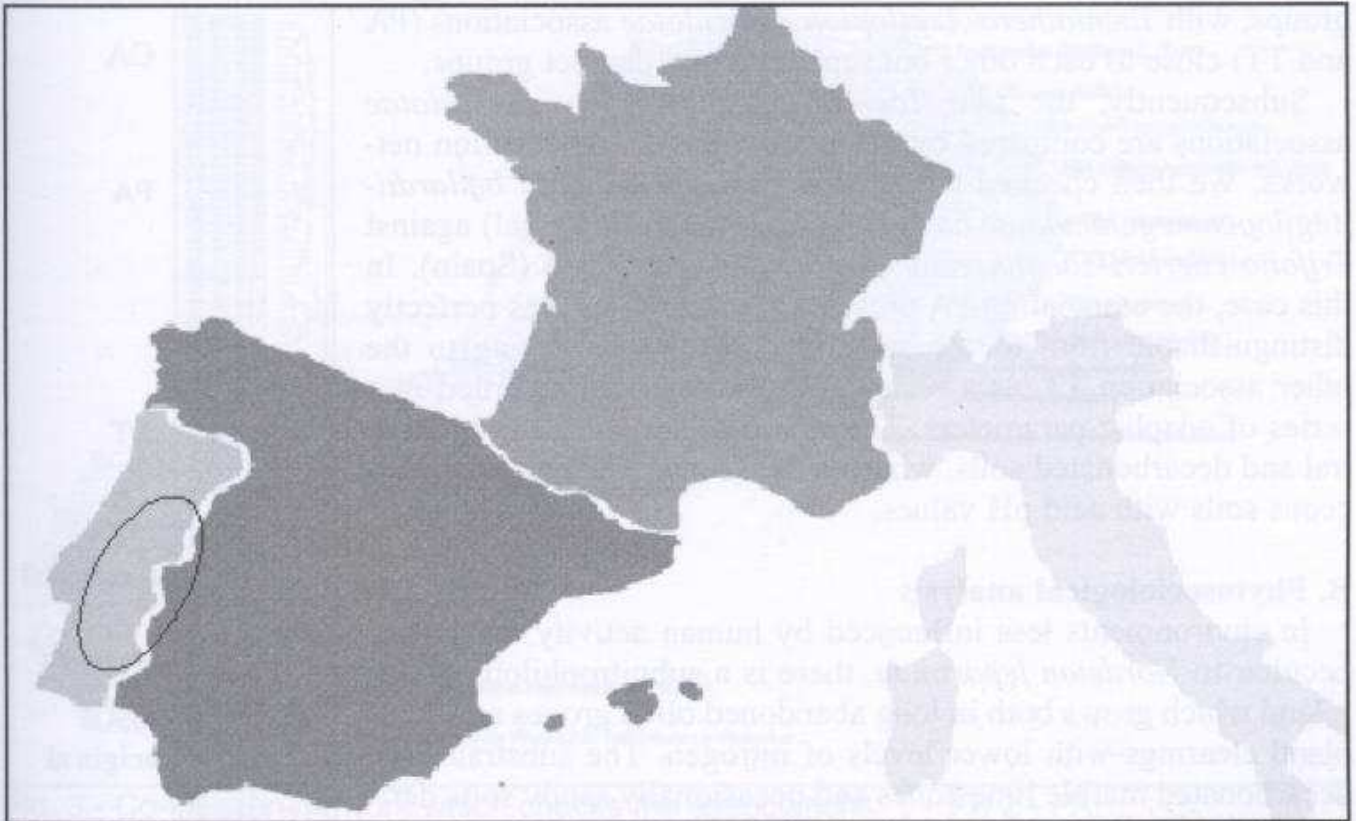


Fig. 1.- Study area.

Fig. 1.- Territoire de l'étude.

III. RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The territory under study is not only characterized by the presence of decarbonated soils derived from marbles, but also by the occurrence of granites which, through decomposition, give rise to soils rich in feldspars. As a result of the substrates and the Mediterranean, pluvisesonal bioclimate, the soils produced in this way have a pH-value close to neutrality. In the mesomediterranean belt the rainfall rates range from 909 mm (Marvão) to 437 mm (Moura). The I_o and I_c values range from 5.96 and 16 (Marvão) to 2.08 and 16.5 (Moura). Rivas-Martínez and Loidi (1999a) consider, consequently, that the study area has an ombrotype ranging from subhumid (Marvão) to dry (Moura). As far as the biogeographical location is concerned, according to Rivas-Martínez & Loidi (1999b) and Rivas-Martínez (2007), the territory under study is included in the Marianic-Monchiquensean and Toledan-Taganean sectors.

A. Statistical analysis

In order to determine whether or not certain phytosociological samples belong to the *Hordeion leporinum* alliance or to the *Taeniathero-Aegilopion geniculatae* alliance, we carried out a comparative analysis of relevés taken in Spain, Portugal and Italy. For this purpose, in the cluster (Fig. 2), we put together relevés corresponding to *Plantagini-Aegilopetum geniculatae* (PA) with relevés of *Convolvulo-Aegilopetum geniculatae* (CA), *Securigero-Dasypiretum villosii* (SD), *Aveno-Brometum diandri* (AB) and *Trifolio-Taeniatheretum capitis-medusae* (TT). The ensuing dendrogram reveals clearly structured

groups, with *Taeniathero-Aegilopion geniculatae* associations (PA and TT) close to each other but separated into distinct groups.

Subsequently, the two *Taeniathero-Aegilopion geniculatae* associations are compared by means of graphical co-location networks. We then checked the species of the *Plantagini bellardii-Aegilopetum geniculatae nova* (PA) association (Portugal) against *Trifolio cherleri-Taenitheretum capitis-medusae* (TT) (Spain). In this case, the association PA presents a group of species perfectly distinguishable from the characteristic species belonging to the other association TT, as a result of the differences recorded in a series of edaphic parameters. The first association grows on neutral and decarbonated soils, whereas the second one grows on siliceous soils with acid pH values.

B. Phytosociological analysis

In environments less influenced by human activity than those peculiar to *Hordeion leporinum*, there is a subnitrophilous pastureland which grows both in long abandoned olive groves and scrubland clearings with lower levels of nitrogen. The substrates are decarbonated marble limestones and occasionally sandy soils derived from granite erosion. In this last case feldspars induce basic soils with pH values close to neutrality. The subnitrophilous pastureland of *Aegilops geniculata* differs both from *Trifolio cherleri-Taenitheretum caput-medusae* Rivas-Martínez & Izco 1977, of a silicolous character (Table III), because of the occurrence of basophilous taxa such as *Medicago minima*, *Atractylis cancellata*, *Polygala monspeliaca*, *Velezia rigida*, and from *Medicagini rigidulae-Aegilopetum geniculatae* Rivas-Martínez & Izco 1977 because of the occurrence of silicolous taxa, such as *Plantago bellardii*, *Trifolium subterraneum* (Table I). Consequently, we propose the *Plantagini bellardii-Aegilopetum geniculatae nova* association (Table II, inv. 1-21; *typus nominis*: rel. 3), which grows on decarbonated substrates, on soils rich in feldspaths and in sunny environments belonging to the mesomediterranean belt and dry-subhumid ombrotype. In sunny and more thermic exposures, this pastureland gives way to the community of *Aegilopo neglectae-Stipetum capensis* M.T. Santos ex Cano, A. García, Torres & Salazar 1998 and differs from the pure silicolous pasturelands of *Trifolio cherleri-Plantaginetum bellardii* and *Velezio rigidae-Asteriscetum aquatici* not only in its structure but also in its cover rate and floristic composition. The new association proposed here is found on all Lusitan-Extremadurean, calcareous soils (Portugal and Spain) within the series of *Lonicero implexae-Quercu rotundifoliae* (Pinto-Gomes & Lazare, 2002).

C. Edaphic analysis

The *Plantagini bellardii-Aegilopetum geniculatae* pasturelands are usually found on red soils with neutral or almost neutral pH values (ranging from 6.7 and 8.2; average value of 7.581). By contrast, the pH values recorded for the associations *Trifolio cherleri-Plantaginetum bellardii* and *Trifolio cherleri-Taenitheretum capitis-medusae* are 6.047 and 6.130 respectively, which correspond to acid substrates. The comparative analysis

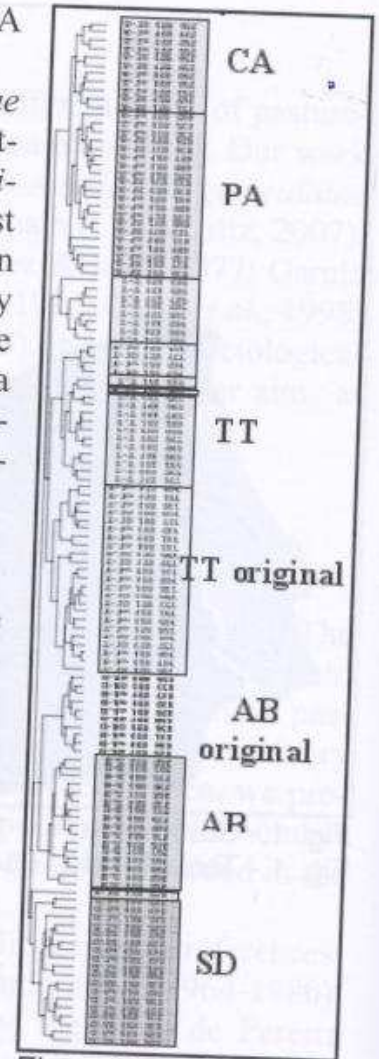


Fig. 2.- Statistical analysis (cluster).

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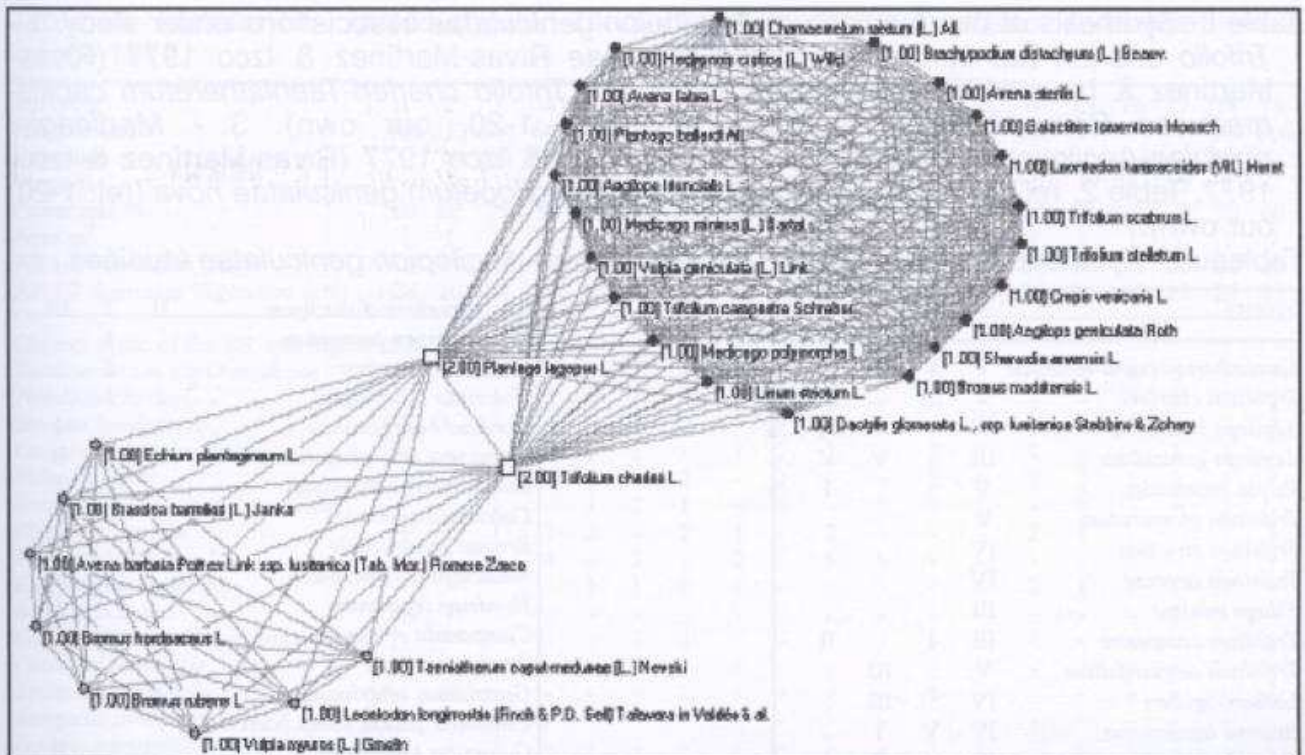


Fig. 3.- Co-location network which checks the associations. 1 - TT, 2 - PA.
 Fig. 3.- Grille d'emplacement pour comparer les associations. 1 - TT, 2 - PA.

reveals significantly different values in the edaphic parameters recorded for the proposed association and for the silicicolous associations (Tables IV, V and VI).

Syntaxonomical scheme

Stellarietea mediae Tüxen, Lohmeyer & Preisling ex von Rochow 1951

Chenopodio-Stellarienea Rivas Goday 1956

Thero-Brometalia (Rivas Goday & Rivas-Martínez ex Esteve 1973) O. Bolòs 1975

Taeniathero-Aegilopion geniculatae Rivas-Martínez & Izco 1977

Trifolio cherleri-Taeniatheretum capitis-medusae Rivas-Martínez & Izco 1977

Medicagini rigidulae-Aegilopetum geniculatae Rivas-Martínez & Izco 1977

Plantagini bellardii-Aegilopetum geniculatae nova

Table IV.- Average values of edaphic parameters.
 Tableau IV.- Valeurs moyennes des paramètres édaphiques.

	CEC	OMM	Nt	Pa	Mgc	Kc	pF 15 atm	Txlmst	Txsand	Txsilt	Sa	pH
	meq/100 g	%	%	p.p.m	meq/100 g	meq/100 g	%	%	%	%	mmho/cm	
<i>Trifolio cherleri-Plantaginetum bellardii</i>	5.217	1.569	0.086	5.263	0.519	0.142	4.791	9.682	75.470	14.869	0.047	6.047
<i>Trifolio cherleri-Taeniatheretum capitis-medusae</i>	9.630	1.458	0.084	5.111	1.097	0.156	6.673	13.588	64.925	21.488	0.049	6.130
<i>Plantagini bellardii-Aegilopetum geniculatae</i>	10.538	1.800	0.136	5.605	1.713	0.206	11.824	25.825	44.980	29.201	0.105	7.581

Table I.- Synthesis of the *Taeniathero-Aegilopion geniculatae* associations under study. 1 - *Trifolium cherleri-Taeniatheretum capitis-medusae* Rivas-Martínez & Izco 1977 (Rivas-Martínez & Izco, 1977, Table 1, rel. 1-27). 2 - *Trifolium cherleri-Taeniatheretum capitis-medusae* Rivas-Martínez & Izco 1977 (rel. 1-20, our own). 3 - *Medicagini rigidulae-Aegilopetum geniculatae* Rivas-Martínez & Izco 1977 (Rivas-Martínez & Izco, 1977, Table 2, rel. 1-15). 4 - *Plantagini bellardii-Aegilopetum geniculatae nova* (rel. 1-20, our own).

Tableau I.- Synthèse des associations du *Taeniathero-Aegilopion geniculatae* étudiées.

Species	1	2	3	4
<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>	V	V	I	I
<i>Trifolium cherleri</i>	V	III	.	III
<i>Aegilops triuncialis</i>	IV	.	V	IV
<i>Aegilops geniculata</i>	III	.	V	V
<i>Vulpia bromoides</i>	V	.	.	I
<i>Trifolium glomeratum</i>	V	.	.	.
<i>Trifolium strictum</i>	IV	.	.	.
<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	IV	.	.	.
<i>Filago minima</i>	III	.	.	.
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	III	I	.	II
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	V	.	III	.
<i>Lolium rigidum</i>	IV	.	III	.
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	IV	V	I	.
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	III	.	II	I
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	III	II	.	.
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	III	.	II	II
<i>Trifolium hirtum</i>	II	.	.	.
<i>Andryala integrifolia</i>	II	.	.	I
<i>Chamaemelum mixtum</i>	II	.	.	II
<i>Crepis foetida</i>	II	.	IV	.
<i>Bromus rubens</i>	I	II	III	.
<i>Petrorhagia nanteuilii</i>	I	.	II	.
<i>Spergularia segetalis</i>	I	.	.	.
<i>Leontodon longirostris</i>	IV	IV	I	I
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	III	.	.	I
<i>Anthyllis cornicina</i>	II	.	.	.
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	II	.	.	III
<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>	I	.	.	I
<i>Agrostis castellana</i>	I	.	.	.
<i>Reseda virgata</i>	I	.	.	.
<i>Dactylis hispanica</i>	I	.	I	.
<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	I	.	.	.
<i>Rumex angiocarpus</i>	I	.	.	.
<i>Tolpis umbellata</i>	I	.	.	I
<i>Trifolium gemelum</i>	I	.	.	.
<i>Anthyllis lotoides</i>	I	.	.	.
<i>Astragalus hamosus</i>	.	.	V	.
<i>Medicago rigidula</i>	.	.	V	.
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	.	.	III	.
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	.	II	II	III
<i>Trifolium scabrum</i>	.	.	II	IV
<i>Anacyclus clavatus</i>	.	I	II	.
<i>Scorzonera laciniata</i>	.	.	I	.
<i>Vulpia ciliata</i>	.	.	I	.
<i>Koeleria phleoides</i>	.	.	I	.
<i>Torilis nodosa</i>	.	.	I	.
<i>Medicago minima</i>	.	.	V	III
<i>Filago pyramidata</i>	.	.	II	.
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	.	.	I	.
<i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	.	II	I	III
<i>Xeranthemum inapertum</i>	.	.	I	.
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	.	.	I	.
<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>	.	.	I	.
<i>Carduus bourgaeanus</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Crepis vesicaria</i> subsp. <i>haenseleri</i>	.	.	.	II
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Bromus madritensis</i>	.	.	.	III
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	.	.	.	II
<i>Hordeum leporinum</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Campanula erinus</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Stachys arvensis</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Gastridium ventricosum</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Centaurea pullata</i> subsp. <i>baetica</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	.	.	.	II
<i>Hedypnois cretica</i>	.	.	.	II
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	.	.	.	II
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	.	.	.	II
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Vulpia geniculata</i>	.	.	.	II
<i>Leontodon taraxacoides</i>	.	.	.	III
<i>Avena fatua</i>	.	.	.	II
<i>Gynandrisis sisyrinchium</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Crepis capillaris</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Logfia gallica</i>	.	I	.	I
<i>Plantago bellardii</i>	.	I	.	III
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i>	.	.	.	II
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Sanguisorba verrucosa</i>	.	.	.	II
<i>Linum strictum</i>	.	.	.	II
<i>Brachypodium phoenicoides</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Ajuga iva</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Anagallis foemina</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Polygala monspeliaca</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Valerianella coronata</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Reichardia intermedia</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Ajuga iva</i> subsp. <i>pseudo-iva</i>	.	.	.	I
<i>Avena barbata</i> subsp. <i>lusitanica</i>	III	.	.	.
<i>Coronilla dura</i>	.	I	.	.
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	.	I	.	.
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	.	I	.	.
<i>Bromus rigidus</i>	.	I	.	.
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	.	II	.	.
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>	.	II	.	.
<i>Bromus racemosus</i>	.	I	.	.
<i>Brassica barrelieri</i>	.	I	.	.
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	.	II	.	.
<i>Vulpia myuros</i>	.	III	.	.
<i>Xolantha guttata</i>	.	I	.	.

<i>Briza maxima</i>	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Plantago afra</i>	-	1	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	+	1	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Medicago ciliaris</i>	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Aegilops neglecta</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Medicago tornata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Stipa capensis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Rapistrum rugosum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Diploaxis catholica</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Crepis vesicaria</i> subsp. <i>haens.</i>	1	-	1	1	1	+	-	-	-	1	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Hedypnois cretica</i>	1	1	2	-	2	-	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	+	1	-	1	+	-
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	+	+	-
<i>Bromus madritensis</i>	-	+	+	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	+	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	+	+
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Galium parisiense</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
<i>Avena barbata</i> subsp. <i>b.</i>	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Hordeum leporinum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Lolium rigidum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
<i>Chrysanthemum segetum</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Stachys arvensis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sonchus asper</i> subsp. <i>a.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Urospermum picroides</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Avena sterilis</i> subsp. <i>s.</i>	2	-	1	+	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Vicia benghalensis</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Centaurea pullata</i> subsp. <i>baetica</i>	-	-	-	(+)	-	-	+	-	1	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	1	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
<i>Erodium botrys</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	-	+	-	-	1	+	+	-	1	+	1	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Bromus sterilis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
<i>Bromus rigidus</i>	-	-	+	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Rumex acetosella</i> subsp. <i>angioc.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Scorpiurus vermiculatus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Chamaemelum fuscum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	+
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
<i>Astragalus cymbicarpus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Papaver hybridum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Jasione montana</i> subsp. <i>bleph.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
<i>Bromus rubens</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Biscutella auriculata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
<i>Filago lutescens</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Valerianella discoidea</i>	-	+	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Avena fatua</i>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	+	1	+
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> subsp. <i>microcarpus</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Vulpia bromoides</i>	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Papaver dubium</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Bunias erucago</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Centranthus calcitrapae</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cynosurus echinatus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Scorzonera angustifolia</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Richardia intermedia</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Companions																				
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	+	-	+	1	1	1	-	+	-	1	1	1	-	1	+	+	+	-	-	+

<i>Carduus bourgaeanus</i>	-	-	-	+	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	
<i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	-	2	1	2	3	2	3	-	-	-	3	2	3	1	-	2	2	-	1	1
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Campanula erinus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	2	-
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i> var. <i>hisp.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	1
<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Daucus carota</i> subsp. <i>c.</i>	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cynara humilis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
<i>Paronychia argentea</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Gynandris sisyrrinchium</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Crepis capillaris</i>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	1	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Carlina racemosa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Tolpis barbata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Gladiolus illyricus</i>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
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<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i>	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sanguisorba verrucosa</i>	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Brachypodium phoenicoides</i>	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Ajuga iva</i>	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Atractylis cancellata</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<i>Anagallis foemina</i>	-	-	1	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Anagallis monelli</i>	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Polygala monspeliaca</i>	-	-	-	-	+	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Iris xiphium</i>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Velezia rigida</i>	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Daucus crinitus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Ajuga iva</i> subsp. <i>pseudo-iva</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	+	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Anarrhinum bellidifolium</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Hypericum tomentosum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Achillea ageratum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	+
<i>Asteriscus aquaticus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+

Sites with UTM in 29S (Portugal) - Near Senhora de Machede, rel. 1 (0605406/4271348). Between Benatell-Villa Vicosa, rel. 2 (0636059/429137), rel. 3 (0636089/4291656). Between the Muíños River and Borba, rel. 4 (0632596/4294123). Near Borba, rel. 5 (0632951/429430), rel. 6 (0632858/4294313). Road between ria of Moinha-Estremoz, rel. 7 (0631116/4293560), rel. 8 (0631147/4293540). Mora, rel. 9 (0629170/4293570). Ilhas-Arriolos, rel. 10 (0588925/4285769). Between Cano and Sousel, rel. 11 (0605826/4312676). Between Cano and Estremoz, rel. 12 (0609518/4311375). 4 km south of Sousel, rel. 13 (0615480/4310230), rel. 14 (0615448/4310237). Crossroads Évora-Estremoz, rel. 15 (0614168/4294779), rel. 16 (0615522/4295985). Exit to Estremoz-Portalegre, rel. 17 (0623303/4301744). Estremoz in the direction of Orada, rel. 18 (0623826/4301930). Orada-Santo Aleixo (Estremoz), rel. 19 (0627976/4299854). Estremoz-Elvas (in the direction of Moinha), rel. 20 (0631924/4297253). Road to Moinhos, rel. 21 (0631708/4297154).

Table V.- Données édaphiques sur le *Trifolio cherleri-Taeniaetheretum capitis-medusae* Rivas-Martinez & Izco 1977.
 Tableau V.- Edaphic data on *Trifolio cherleri-Taeniaetheretum capitis-medusae* Rivas-Martinez & Izco 1977.

Order no.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Field no.	169	170	171	173	174	177	179	186	187	188	190	191	192	193	195	198	200	203	205
CEC (meq/100 g)	20.435	6.087	15.652	7.826	7.391	4.783	5.652	6.957	13.913	13.043	17.391	18.696	7.826	8.261	5.652	3.478	6.087	5.652	10
Carbonates (%)	3.6	1.2	1.8	1	1	0	1.7	1.5	2.2	1.7	2	1	1.5	1.7	1.7	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.5
Ca (meq/100 g)	10.801	8.498	11.392	7.4	9.521	5.414	7.48	12.063	6.395	9.184	11.851	6.462	5.554	6.771	4.45	6.958	10.107	6.539	16.739
Assimilable P (pp.m)	2	2	6	5	16	39	1	8	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	0.15	1	1	2
Mg (meq/100 g)	1.624	1.62	0.589	0.413	1.534	0.339	0.393	0.457	1.484	2.076	4.095	1.801	0.842	0.663	0.35	0.5	0.975	0.786	0.745
OMM (%)	1.45	0.29	1.06	1.49	1.36	0.96	1.56	1.63	2.04	1.58	2.35	1.87	1.78	1.2	1.11	0.59	1.15	1.24	2.15
N (%)	0.085	0.025	0.067	0.092	0.075	0.058	0.092	0.093	0.137	0.081	0.147	0.139	0.11	0.074	0.066	0.028	0.056	0.069	0.105
pH 1/2.5	6.6	6.5	6.6	6	5.7	6.4	6.3	6.6	5.9	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.8	6.3	6	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.3
K (meq/100 g)	0.082	0.113	0.164	0.107	0.125	0.228	0.12	0.184	0.136	0.102	0.207	0.115	0.123	0.179	0.207	0.064	0.153	0.095	0.307
pF 1/3 atm (%)	15.73	10.26	13.68	15.08	13.96	11.43	12.98	14.54	25.72	27.69	32.94	22.13	15.6	14.13	15.12	11.04	16.5	13.8	18.4
pF 1.5 atm (%)	6.44	3.7	5	5.57	6.53	3.54	4.876	5.26	12.14	10.94	17.23	9.4	5.98	4.71	5.72	4.04	5.56	4.61	6.56
Tx limestone (%)	11.3	7.4	9.55	8.75	11.25	6.7	8.5	7.2	15.85	13.85	29.8	26.45	14.25	10.35	7.4	15.35	19.15	15.75	13.75
Tx sand (%)	72.52	82.13	73.06	74.12	70.15	79.08	73.18	76.8	32.6	35.98	26.28	25.62	56.06	72.82	73.7	74.85	73.53	79.9	72.54
Tx silt (%)	16.18	10.47	17.39	17.13	18.6	14.22	18.32	16	51.55	50.17	43.93	47.93	29.69	16.83	18.9	9.8	7.32	4.35	13.7
Sieve 2mm (%)	10.9	13.78	21.45	38.9	19.32	14.08	17.17	11.35	36.31	30.12	44.04	19.78	16.45	11.46	9.57	10.72	8.28	16.86	25.93
Salinity (mmhos/cm)	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06

Table VI.- Données édaphiques sur le *Plantagini bellardii-Aegilopetum geniculatae* nova.
 Tableau VI.- Edaphic data on *Plantagini bellardii-Aegilopetum geniculatae* nova.

Order no.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Field no.	169	170	171	173	174	177	179	186	187	188	190	191	192	193	195	198	200	203	205	207	21
CEC (meq/100 g)	6.086	9.565	8.696	9.13	8.696	8.696	12.609	14.783	8.696	9.13	13.478	17.391	12.174	9.13	6.087	5.652	11.304	11.739	14.783	10	13.478
Carbonates (%)	2.5	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	21.4	0	39.1	0.9	0.2	0.7	0	0	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.7	1
Ca (meq/100 g)	11.09	2	1	4	28	32	1	2	3	1	2	2	3	2	3	1.7	2	3	7	4	11
Assimilable P (pp.m)	0.706	3.326	0.577	0.836	0.908	0.484	1.273	1.638	0.714	2.196	1.493	1.785	1.299	1.558	0.783	1.388	2.225	3.113	4.992	2.086	2.59
Mg (meq/100 g)	1.04	2.02	1.02	1.205	1.75	1.58	2.06	2.7	1.71	0.88	2.38	1.75	2.57	1.97	1.53	1.12	1.78	2.11	2.96	2.48	1.18
OMM (%)	0.014	0.17	0.103	0.11	0.185	0.143	0.147	0.215	0.168	0.094	0.128	0.116	0.161	0.129	0.092	0.1	0.136	0.149	0.178	0.166	0.152
N (%)	7	7.9	8.2	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.3	8.2	7.2	8.2	8	7	7.2	7.5	6.7	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.8	7.4
pH 1/2.5	0.136	0.159	0.171	0.307	0.205	0.115	0.189	0.358	0.097	0.084	0.358	0.256	0.205	0.143	0.1	0.069	0.153	0.156	0.665	0.166	0.228
K (meq/100 g)	13.93	24.38	18.25	22.98	19.86	19.95	20.86	21.91	22.01	16.19	26.3	23.51	21.85	20.94	17.73	25.65	23.61	20.6	26.93	25.02	21.7
pF 1/3 atm (%)	5	11.1	11.44	9.42	9.41	9.7	14.23	15.24	20.47	7.13	13.12	15.18	11.86	9.41	7.34	9.29	10.89	12.13	19.02	12.85	14.08
Tx limestone (%)	17.8	24.4	26.3	29.1	16.3	21.8	43.2	28.5	29.9	6.8	33.9	45.6	33.22	24.55	11.75	16	16.3	25.1	44.1	22.3	25.4
Tx sand (%)	73.78	37.9	35.6	26.5	51.7	47.8	33.3	44.9	42.5	62	35.81	37.94	49.62	55.09	62.1	33.24	44.52	41.85	33.08	47.82	47.53
Tx silt (%)	8.42	37.7	38.2	44.5	32	30.4	23.5	26.6	27.5	31.2	30.29	16.46	17.18	20.36	26.15	50.76	39.18	33.05	22.82	29.88	27.07
Sieve 2mm (%)	6.97	24.1	21.1	35.49	28.3	26.81	43.02	38.55	27.25	19.99	20.74	45.58	35.55	31.38	43.01	28.83	34.93	36	37.52	35	37.8
Salinity (mmhos/cm)	0.09	0.1	0.16	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.11	0.06	0.16	0.11	0.17	0.12	0.07	0.07	0.13	0.09	0.11	0.08	0.11	0.13	0.08

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