

# **Sistemas silvopastorales en Portugal: perspectivas para o montado, um sistema multifuncional**

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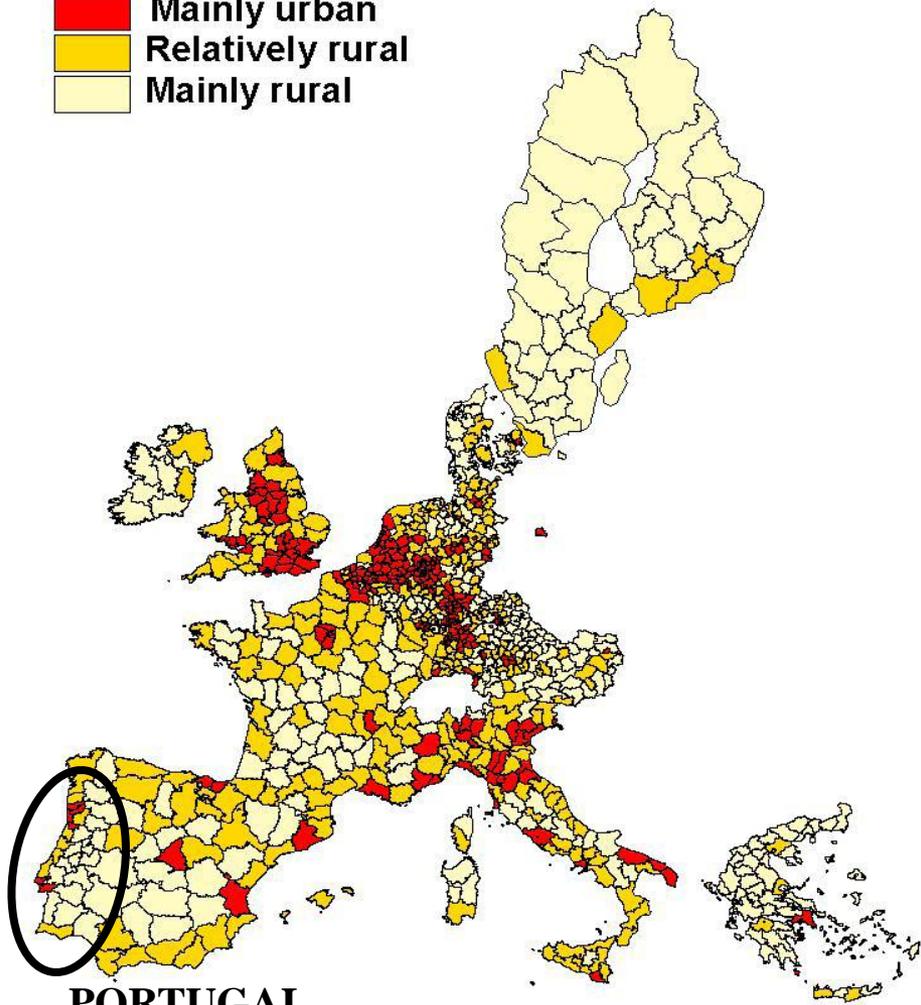
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# Rural peripheries of Europe

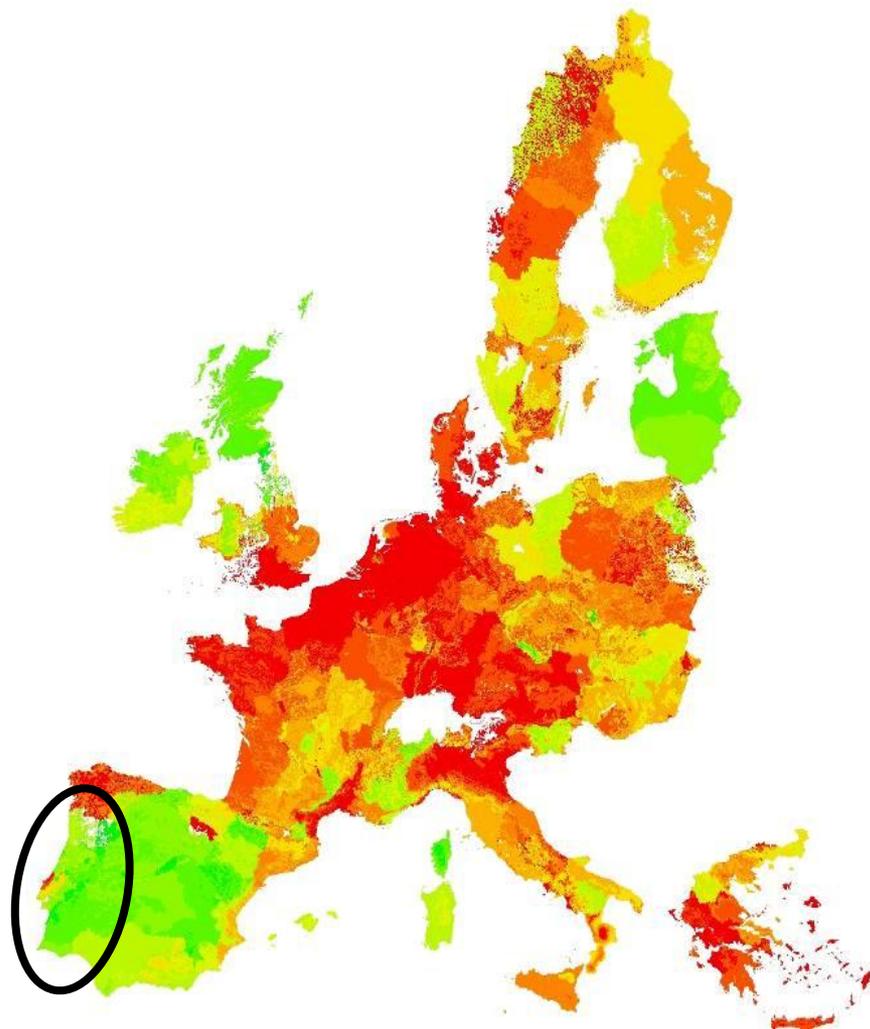
## Rural / Urban

- Mainly urban
- Relatively rural
- Mainly rural



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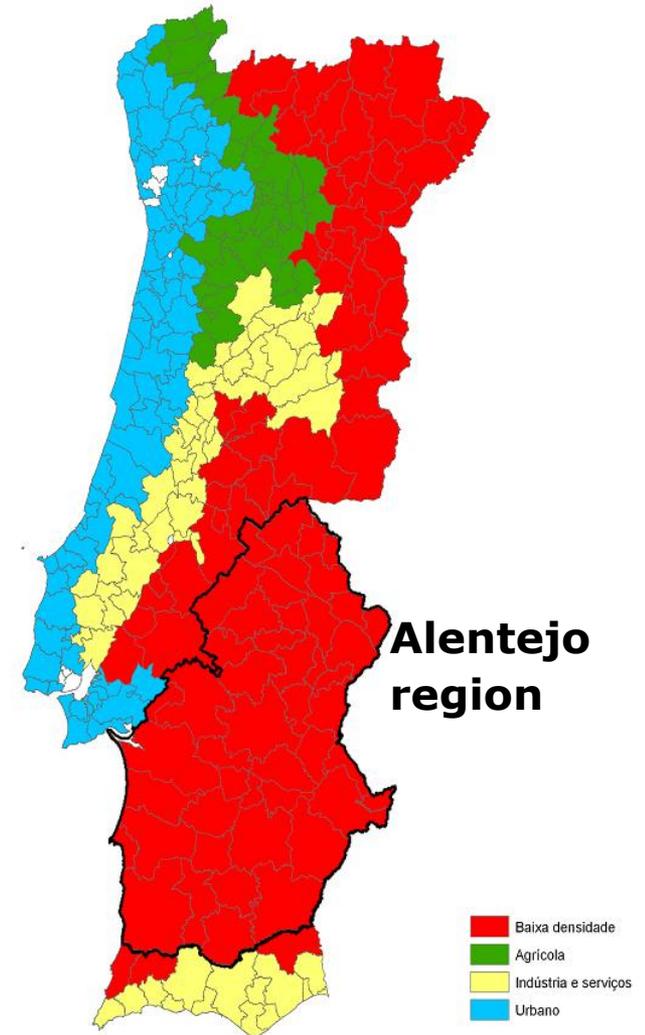
## Farming intensity



# an empty countryside ?

Rural	Surface	Population
	%	%
Urban	17	55
Ind.& Services	15	18
Agricultural	9	11
Low Density	59	16

# or a hidden treasure ?



# specific Mediterranean landscapes: 2 types of High Nature Values Farming Systems

## Type I

**Farmland with high proportion of semi-natural vegetation**  
**Large scale holdings (> 100 ha)**  
**Silvo pastoral land use-**  
**Montado**  
**Extensive grazing**  
**Hunting**



## Type II

**Farmland with a mosaic of low intensity agriculture and natural+structural elements**  
**Small scale**  
**Olive groves, grazing and vegetable gardens**  
**Multiple uses**



# Small scale mosaic, mixed land cover: niche productions + lifestyle farming + residence + 2<sup>nd</sup> home



# MONTADO: *agro-silvo pastoral system* open oak forest + extensive grazing



# MONTADO: multifunctional landscape hotspot for multiple public goods

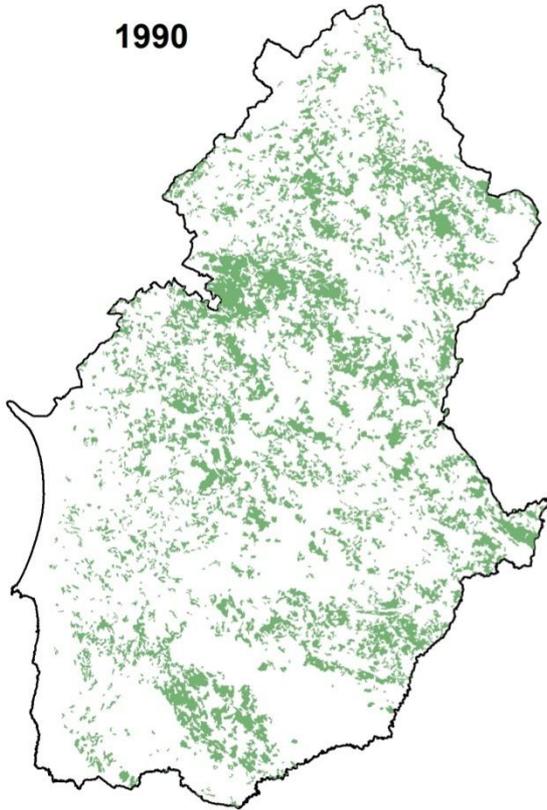


# the MONTADO along time



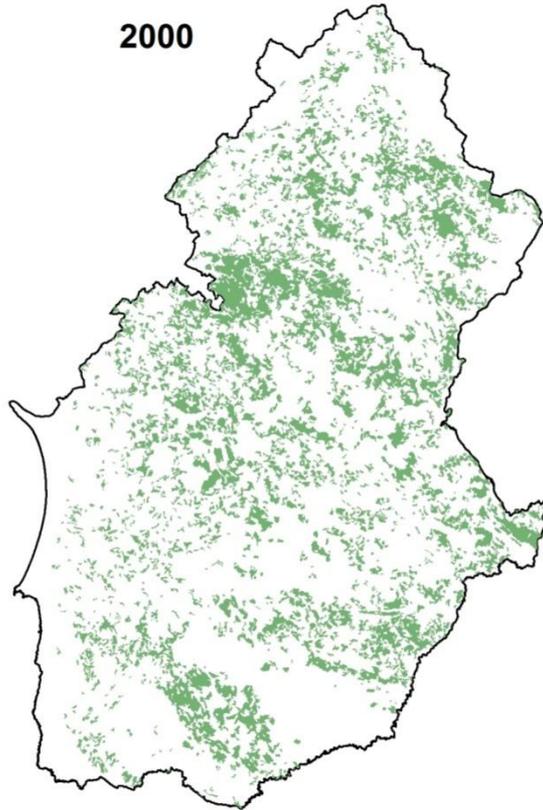
## Spatio-temporal dynamics of MONTADO landscapes - Alentejo Region (CORINE Land Cover Data)

1990



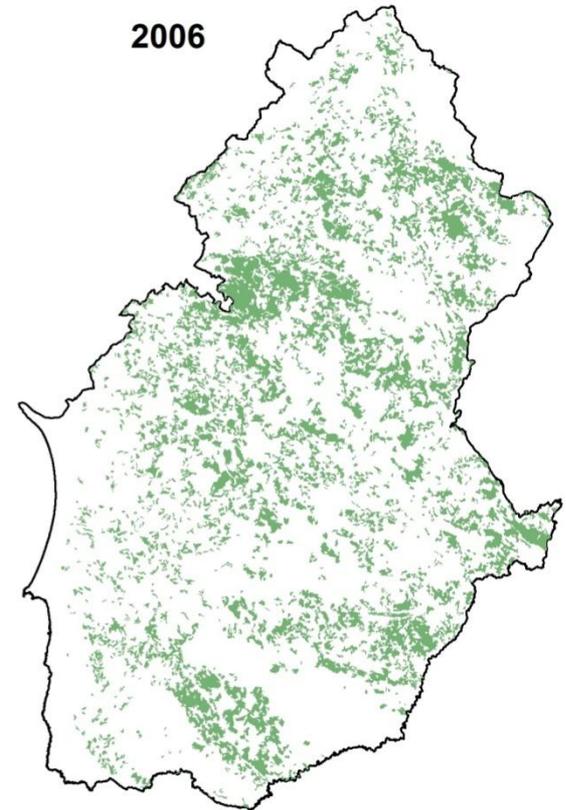
**554 435,80 ha**

2000



**551 818,69 ha**

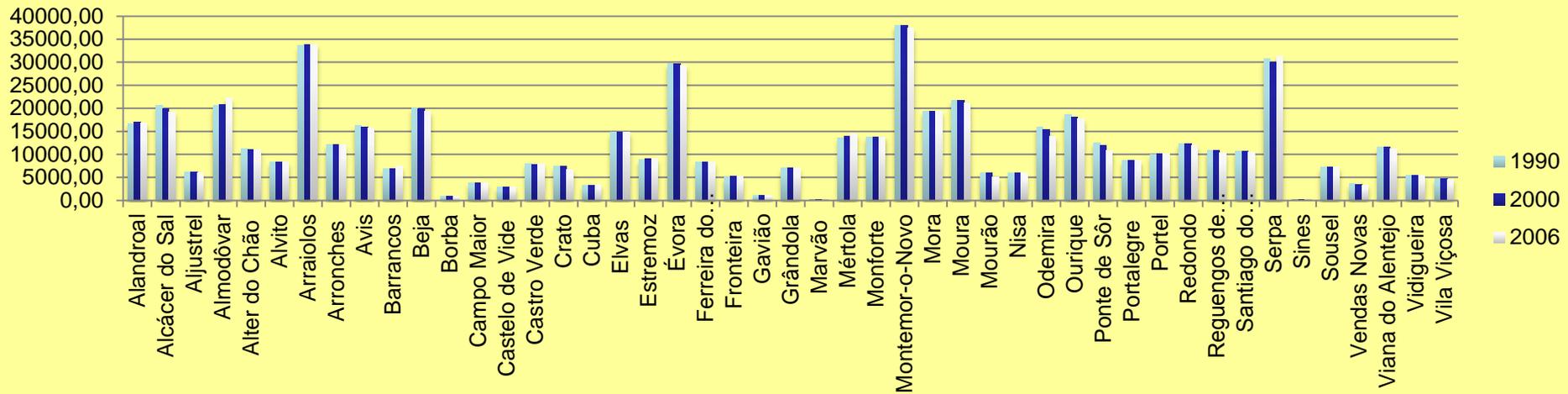
2006



**546 403,59 ha**

# the MONTADO along time

**1990 - 2000** - 2617,11 ha  
**2000 - 2006** - 5415,10 ha  
**1990 - 2006** - 8032,21 ha



## 1990 - 2006 (Lost)

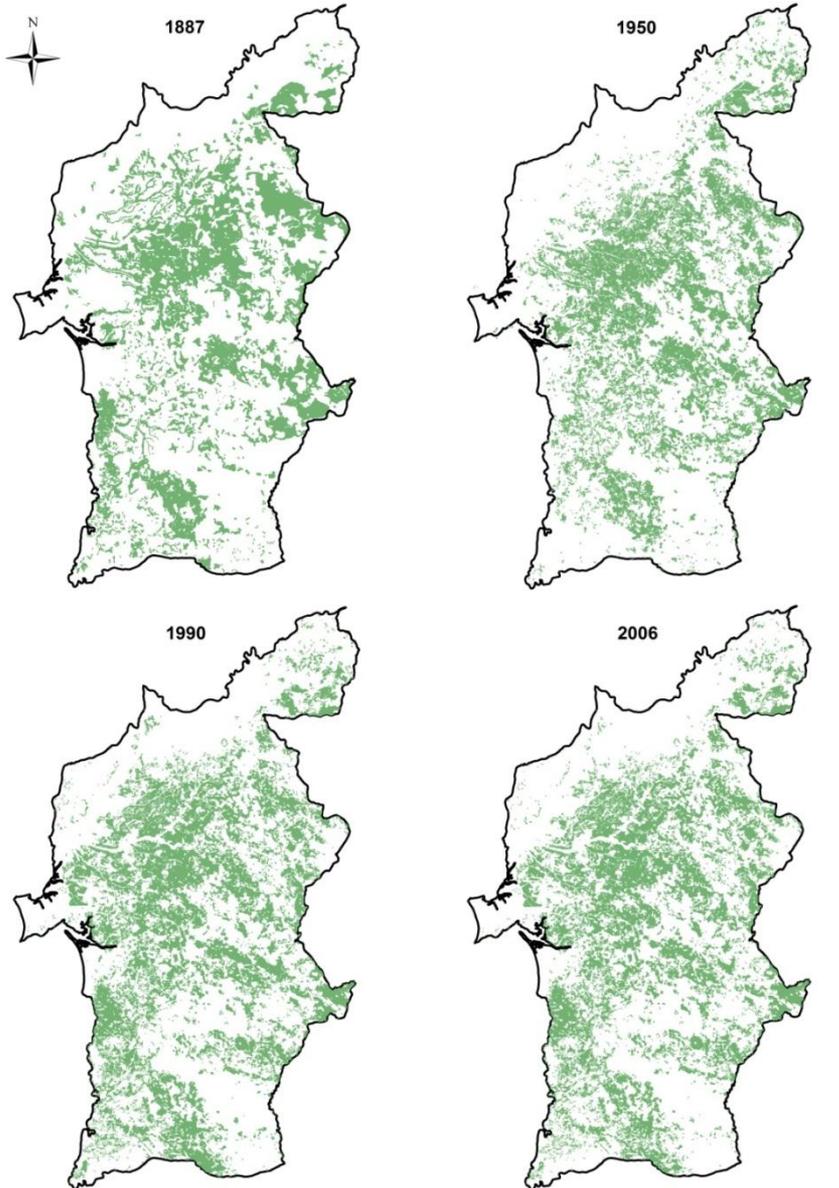
**Alcácer do Sal** - 1358 ha  
**Odemira** - 2000 ha  
**Ponte de Sôr** - 1700 ha

## 1990 - 2006 (Gain)

**Almodôvar** + 1500 ha  
**Almodôvar** + 800 ha  
**Serpa** + 600 ha

# the MONTADO along time

Spatio-temporal dynamics of Montado landscape

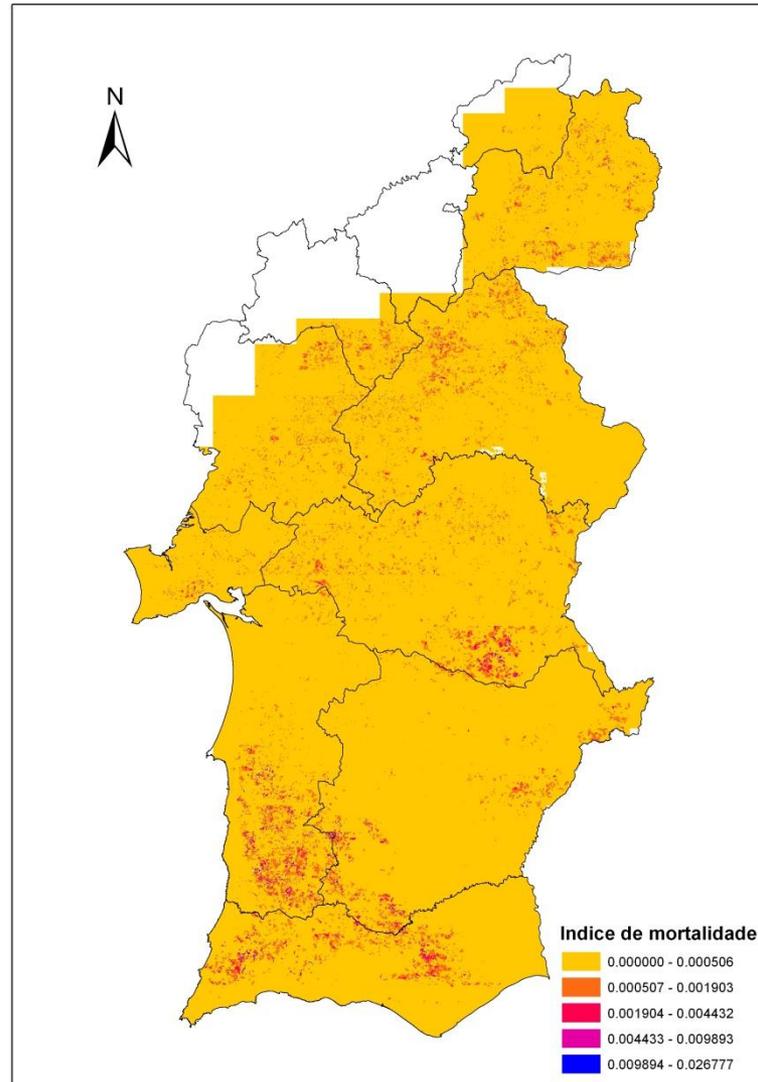
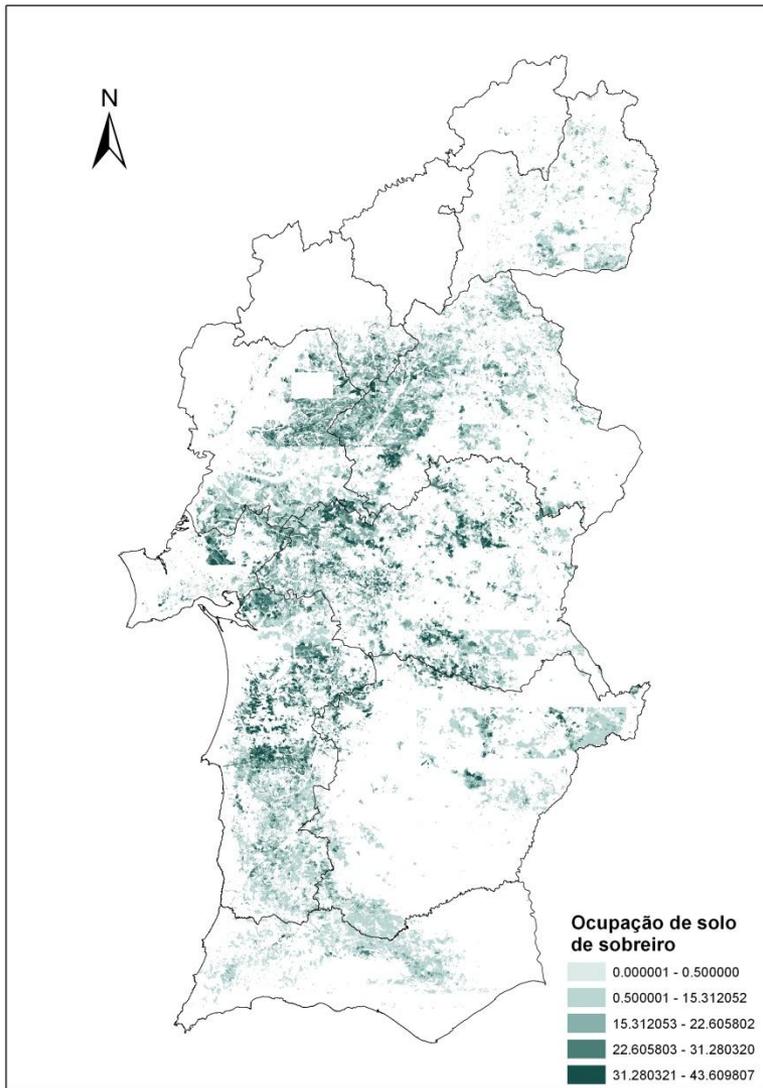


<b>1887</b>	<b>1 189 200 ha</b>
<b>1950</b>	<b>1 154 192 ha</b>
<b>1990</b>	<b>1 340 786 ha</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>1 251 191 ha</b>

**highly resilient,  
but now threatened ?**

<b>1887 - 1950</b>	<b>- 35 000 ha</b>
<b>1950 - 1990</b>	<b>+ 187 000 ha</b>
<b>1990 - 2006</b>	<b>- 90 000 ha</b>

# National inventory of cork oak mortality 2004/06



**329 323  
dead trees**

**10 867  
659 m2  
crown  
cover loss**

**7 409 767  
kg  
cork  
production  
loss**



# MONTADO main changing trends >> threats:

## **INTENSIFICATION**

- **Over-exploitation of tree cover by cork harvest and pruning for charcoal production**
- **Over-grazing >> soil compaction, increased erosion and hinders tree regeneration**
- **Mechanized and deep ploughing >> affect root system and weakens the trees**
- **Replacement by intensive, high income crops:  
ex.vineyard and olive**

## **EXTENSIFICATION**

- **Extreme decay of cultivation in under-cover rotation**
- **Shrub encroachment and increased fire risk**
- **Abandonment of grazing**



**Landscape simplification + loss of specific character**

# How does the public consider the Montado ?



expressed preferences for land cover types,  
among all land cover types in Alentejo

survey to different user groups - 2008  
n = 232 in four municipalities

**Montado 61%**



**Maritime  
Pine 14%**



**Olive  
grove 9%**



**Eucalyptus  
6%**



**Intensive  
crops 5%**



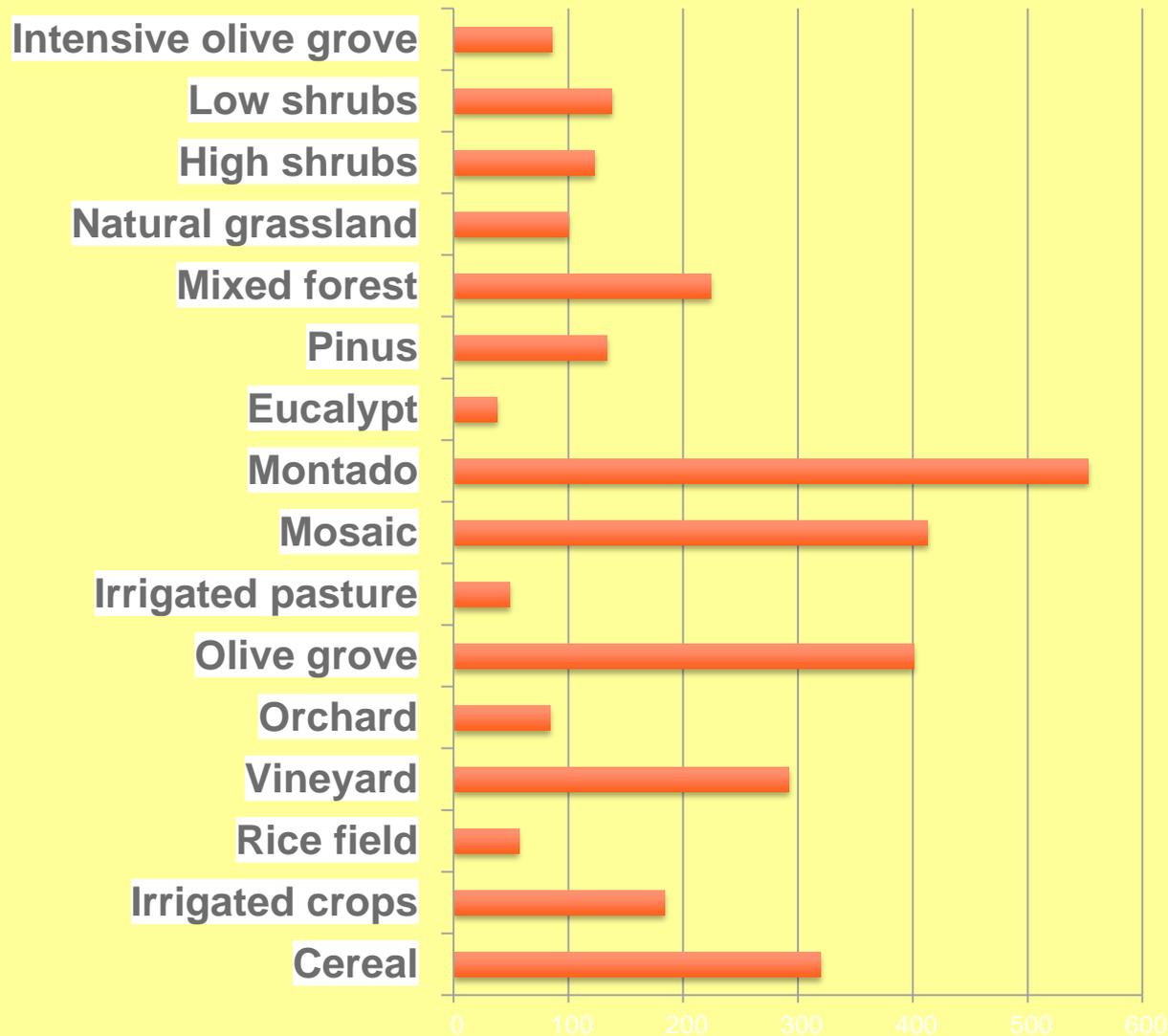
**Vineyard  
4%**



**Stone  
Pine 2%**

# How does the public consider the Montado ?

## preferred land cover



preferences  
expressed by  
multiple users

**n = 1066**  
survey in all Alentejo  
**2010-2011**

# MONTADO landscape: which strategies for future management ?

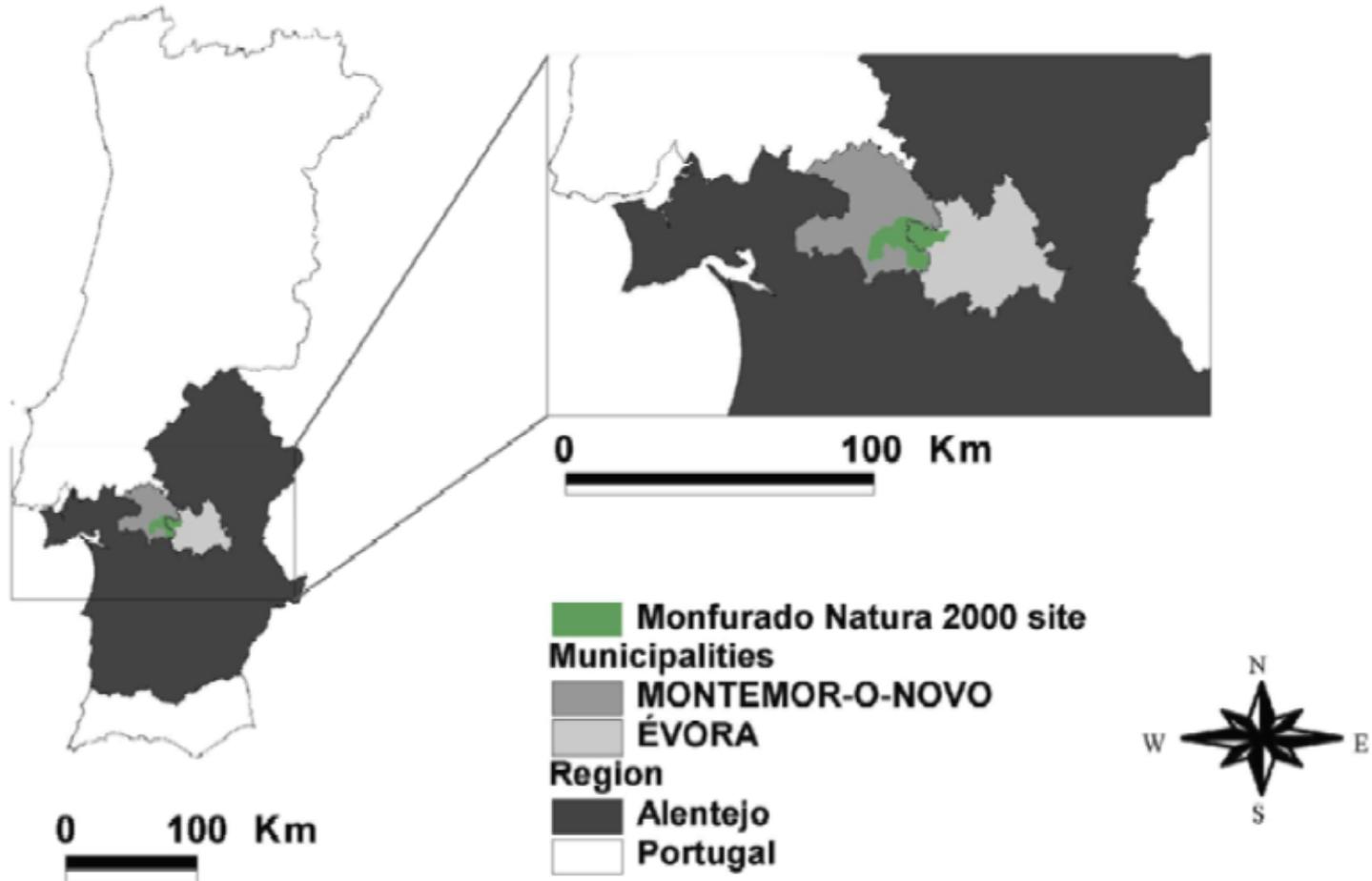
**It is a space of production,  
a space of conservation  
a space of consumption**

**BUT >> amenity functions  
depend on the productive land  
use system in place, fragile in  
a globalized market context**

**AND >> there is no market or  
market failure for the amenities,  
even if valued as public goods**



Survey in Monfurado Natura 2000 site,  
a diversified landscape, 100km from the metropolitan area  
of Lisbon, many new comers, highly educated farmers



# Can landscape multifunctionality be a new driver?

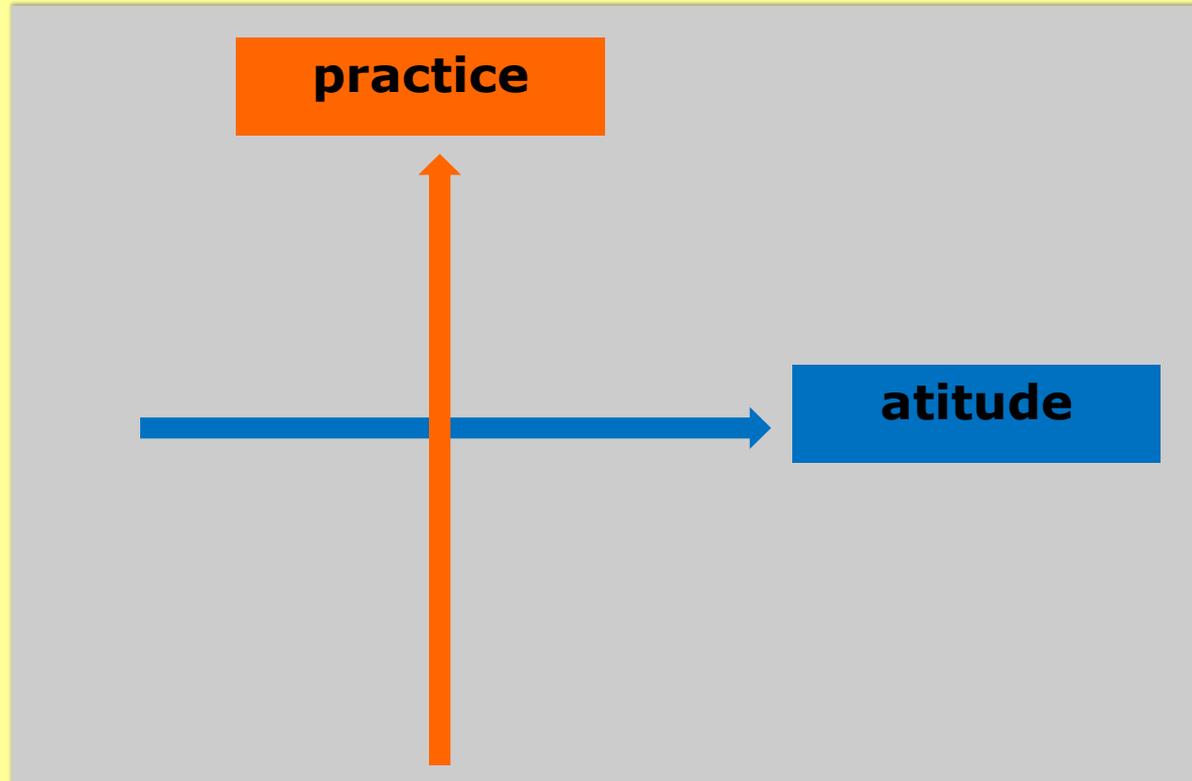


**between specialised production and diversification for multifunctionality,**

**➔ farmers feel conflicts between different policies and tensions between management models**



# looking behind the land management in place: the land manager self-concept



*a step forward:*  
understanding the relation between productivist and  
post-productivist **action and thought**

post-productivist though  
and productivist action

productivist though and  
productivist action

Specialized agri-  
business

Small scale

Multifunctional  
innovative

Conventional  
extensive

post-productivist though  
and post-productivist action

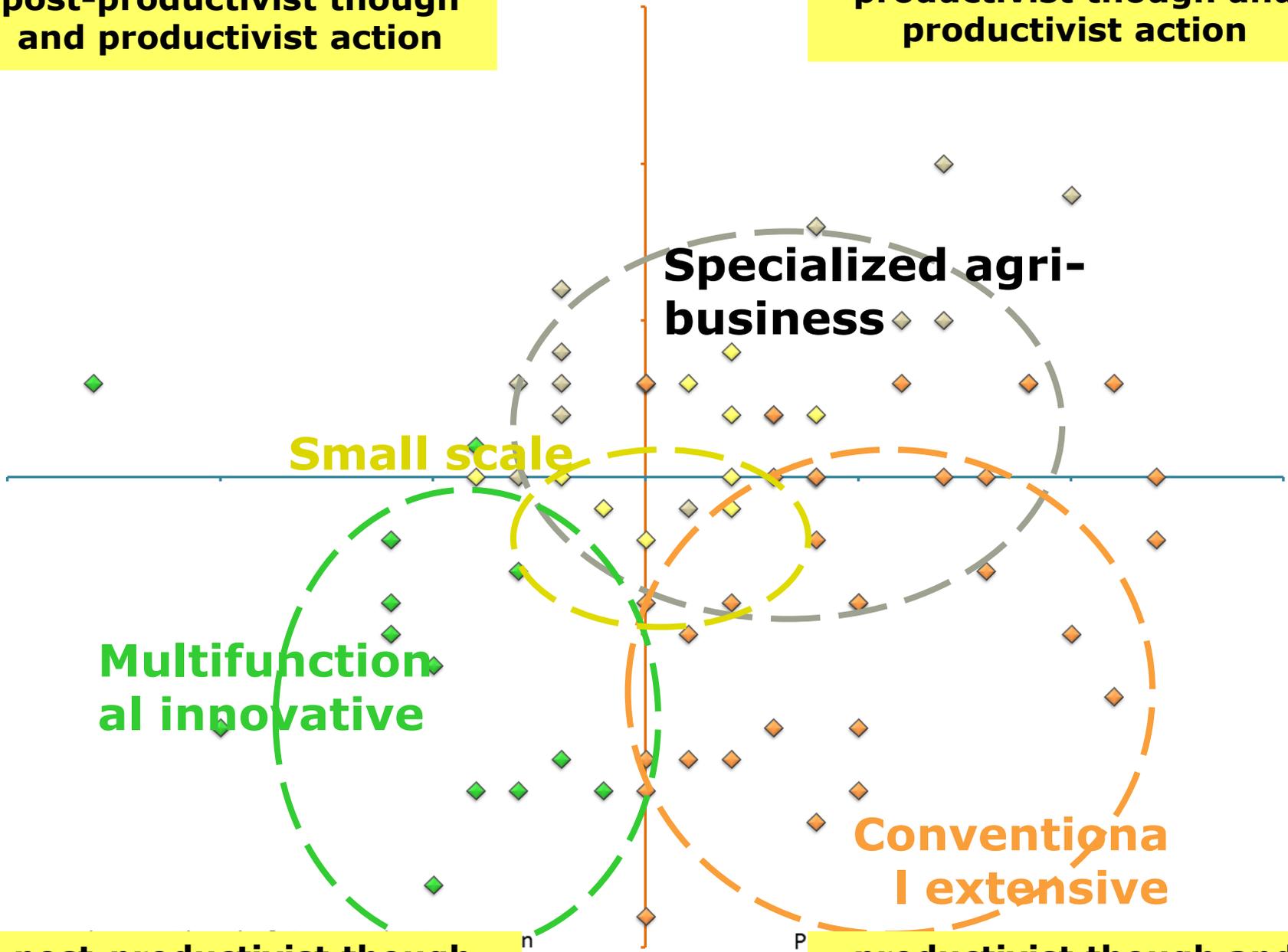
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productivist though and  
post-productivist action

attitude

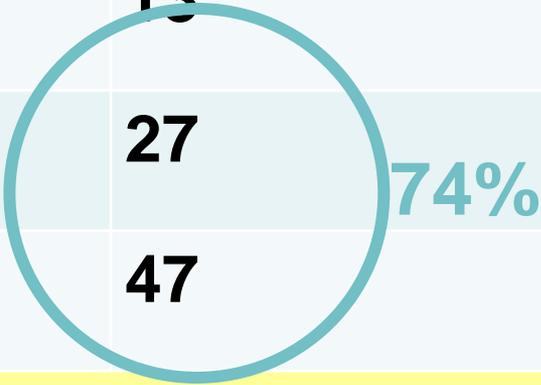
n

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# Landscape multifunctionally management is NOT straightforward

	Number	% Area
Small scale	14	13
Multifunctional Innovative	13	13
Agri-Business Specialized	15	27
Conventional Extensive	28	47



some innovation in management,

but no transition into a multifunctional model

>> **fragility** in face of changing policies and new pressures

# The MONTADO is maintained, but production is still the driver of this landscape

In the Montado, as in other peripheral rural regions of Europe, a multifunctional landscape **DOES NOT** mean it is being taken care of by its direct managers

**>> importance of the farmers self-concept**

farmers keep a productivist ideal and their care may be grounded in awareness of environmental constraints x heritage values  
. or even lack of entrepreneurship  
.. property structure and tax system  
... CAP tools...

**>> many steps are required for a broader change of attitudes and innovative empowerment**





# new perspectives for Montado landscapes

**society expectations for silvo-pastoral landscapes**

**new relations of factors as drivers for management:  
production x consumption x protection**

**can we enhance colaboration  
and fruitful combination of goals ?**



**we should be able to assess and demonstrate  
the added valued of these systems**

**for all actors**

**define visions**

**and better target policies**

**>>aim for a proactive Mediterranean colaboration**



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