



Certification of Small Holders in Portugal: a reality ?

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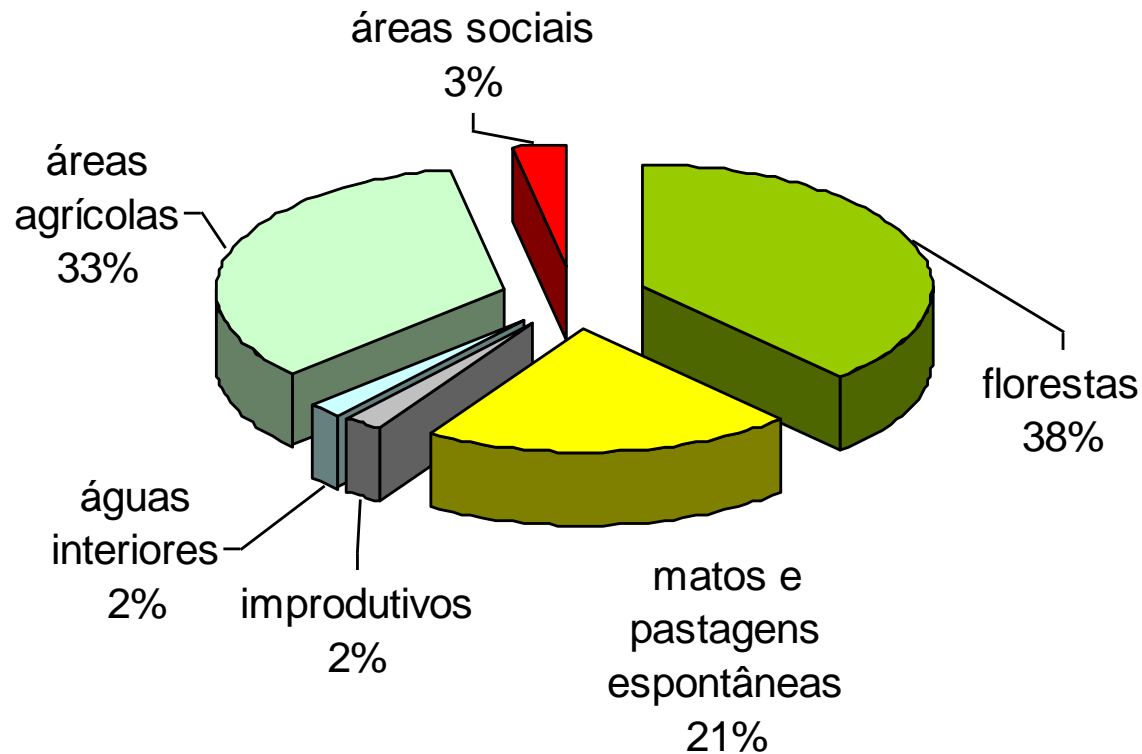
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- Smallholders Initiatives
- Main constraints
- And the future ...

Portuguese Forest Sector – facts & figures

- forest cover of 5,86 million hectares, including
 - wooded forest area (3.54 million hectares)
 - shrubs and grasslands
 - unproductive
 - inland bodies of water

Portuguese Forest Sector – facts & figures



Usos do solo em Portugal
(5.º IFN – 2005/06)

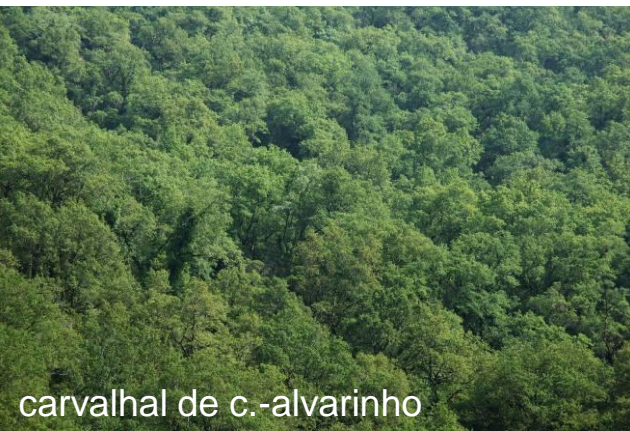
Portuguese Forest Sector – facts & figures

The **continued growth** of the forest area is mainly a result of:

- state programs to promote tree forestation on public and private lands;
- private sector growth in emerging sub sectors;
- natural regeneration in pastures, abandoned agriculture land and burnt areas.



Currently forests occupy about 3.54 million hectares (mainland, Azores and Madeira)



carvalho de c.-alvarinho



carvalho-negral



laurissilva (durissilva: pluvial oceânica)



souto e castiçal



pinhal-bravo



eucaliptal



pinhal-mansó



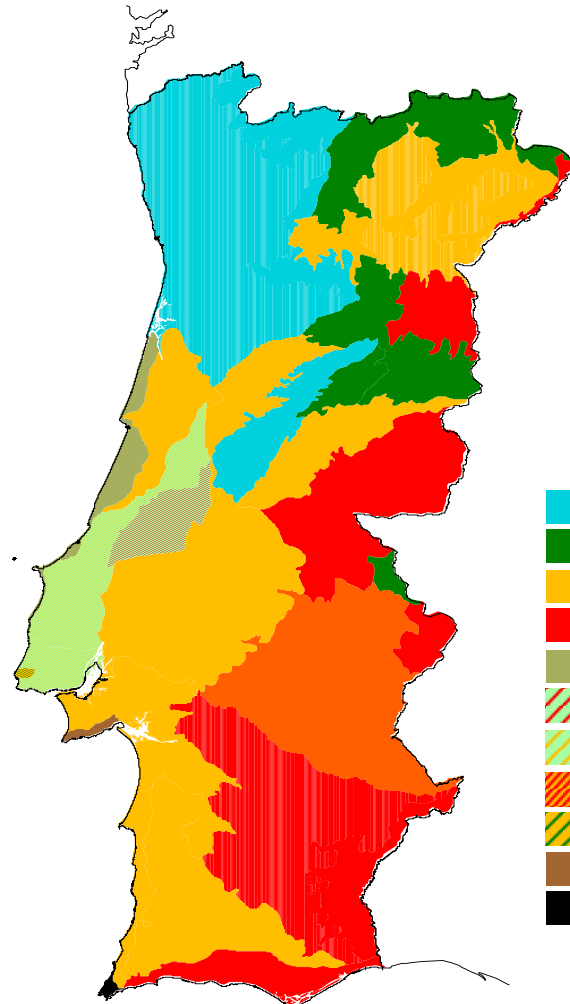
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






azinhal e montado de azinho

Forest Types (Potencial Natural Vegetation)

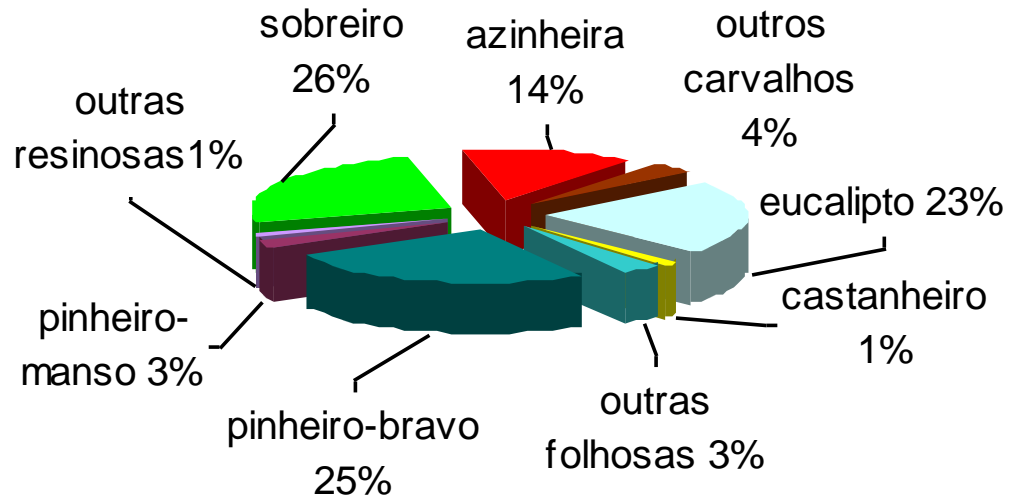
Dominant forest specie (mainland)
costa et. al., 1998/2001



-  carvalho-alvarinho (*quercus robur*)
-  carvalho-negral (*quercus pyrenaica*)
-  sobreiro (*quercus suber*)
-  azinheira (*quercus ilex*)
-  pinheiro-bravo (*pinus pinaster*) & samouco (*myrica faya*)
-  azinheira e carvalho-português
-  carvalho-português (*quercus faginea*) & sobreiro
-  azinheira e sobreiro
-  carvalho-alvarinho, carvalho-negral e sobreiro
-  carrasco (*quercus coccifera*)
-  sabina-das-praias (*juniperus turbinata*)

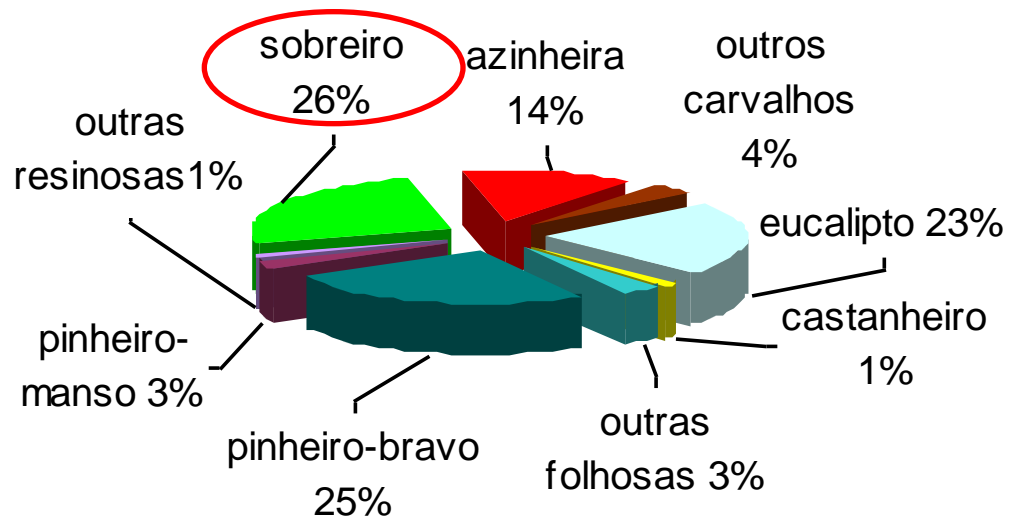
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Composition of forest in Portugal
(5.º IFN - 2005/06)



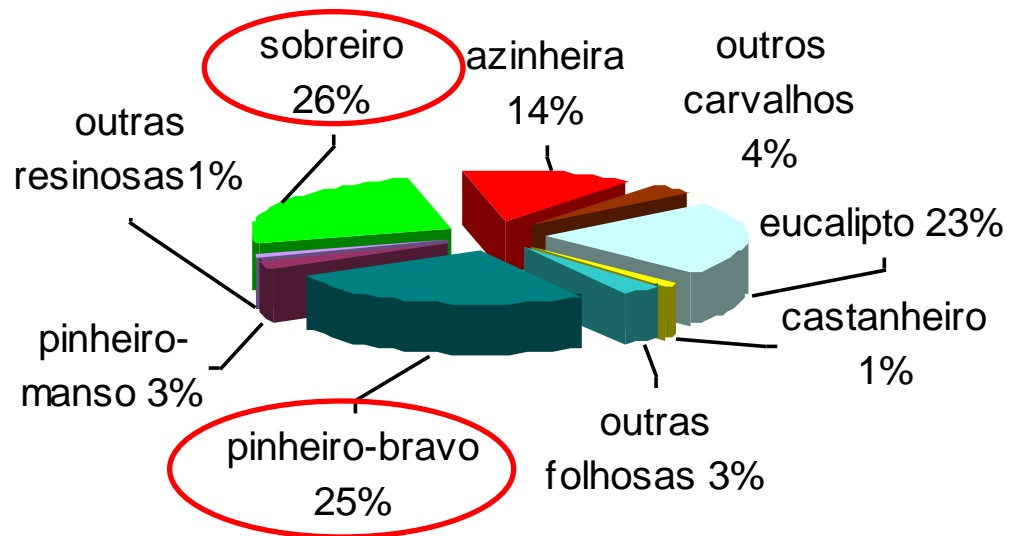
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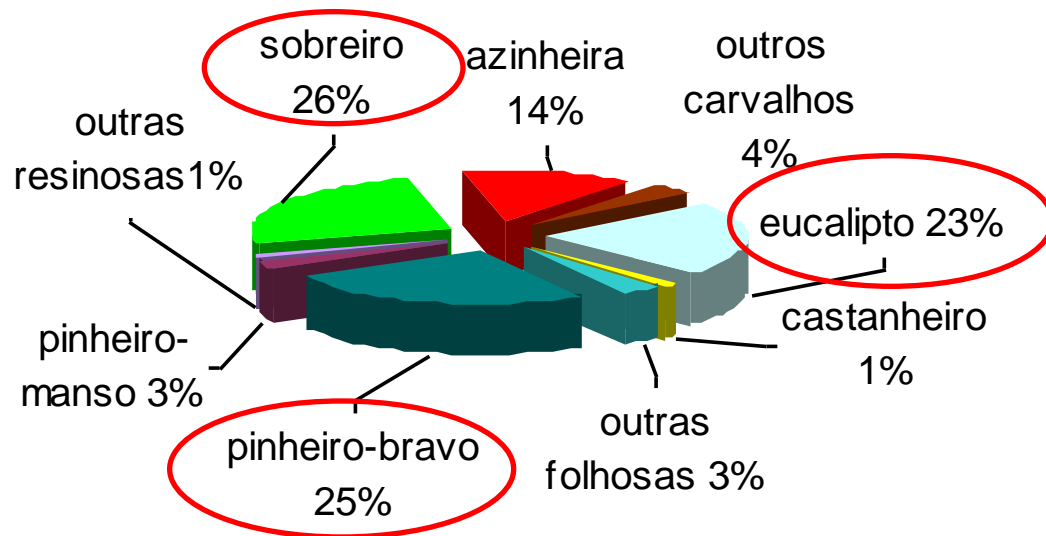
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Portuguese Forest Sector – facts & figures

The Portuguese forests are one of the pillars of the country's development:

- 3% of national GDP and 11% of industrial GDP;
- 11% of exports, with a clear tendency to increase;
- critical contribution to the national targets associated with compliance with the Kyoto Protocol;
- 260 000 direct jobs and indirect.

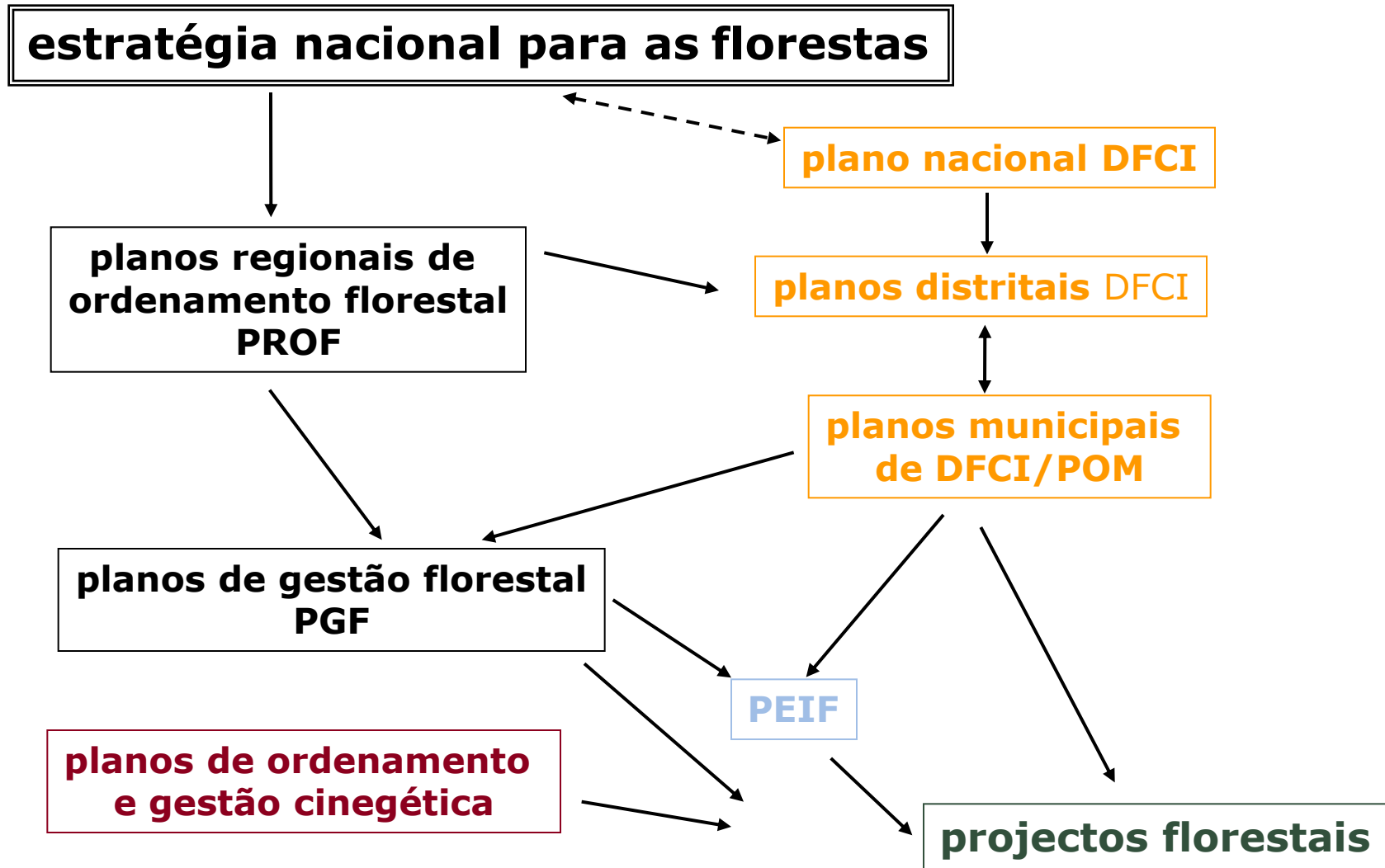


The National Strategy for Forests estimated that the annual contribution to the national economy was 1300 million (data 2001)

Portuguese Forest Sector – facts & figures

Legislation and specific planning guidance for intervention in forest areas:

- The Forest Law (Lei de Bases da Política Florestal), 1996;
- The National Strategy for Forests, 2006;
- The National Plan for Forest Fire Protection and Prevention, 2006;
- The 21 regional plans for forest management (PROF), which were approved in 2006 and 2007.
- The Forest Code, published in September 2009, that will come into force in December 2011;



Forest Sector – organization and funding

The Forest Law and National Strategy for Forests stressed the need for partnerships between different actors:

- adoption of joint programs;
- sharing of responsibilities between state intervention and private and community sectors.



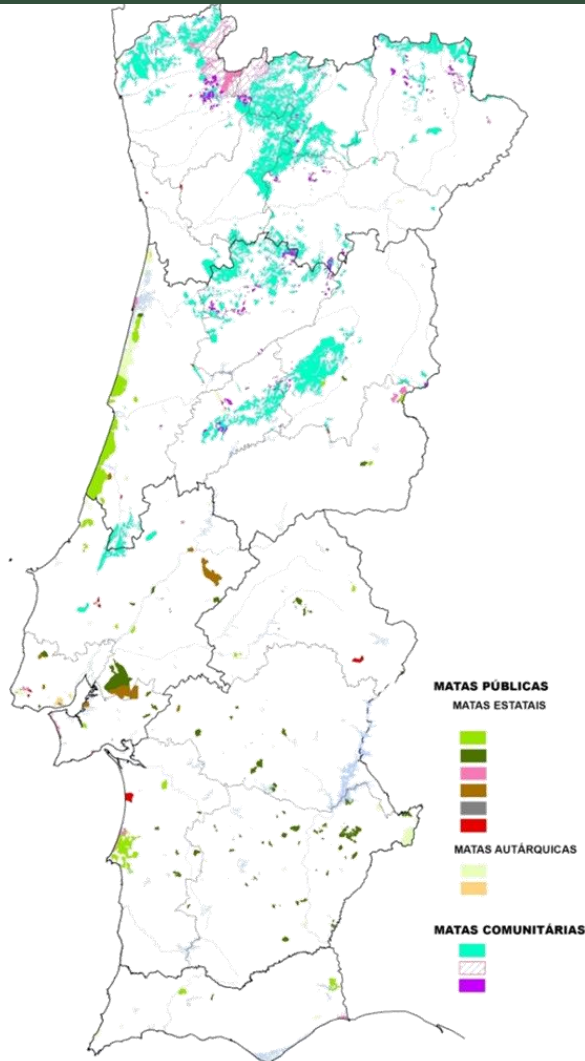
**Forest Producers Associations / Cooperatives; Community Land Organizations
(*Baldios*)
Forest Intervention Zones (ZIF);
Game Law
Media**

In this context, the Forest Services have proceeded with the recognition and structuring of the universe of forest producers organizations (OPF), through registration and preparation of the national database.

Region	Types of OPF				Total
	National	Regional	Municipal	Complementar	
North	1	2	40	9	52
Center	1	2	71	14	88
Lisbon	2	1	7	0	10
Alentejo	0	0	9	0	9
Algarve	0	1	7	1	9
Total	4	6	134	24	168

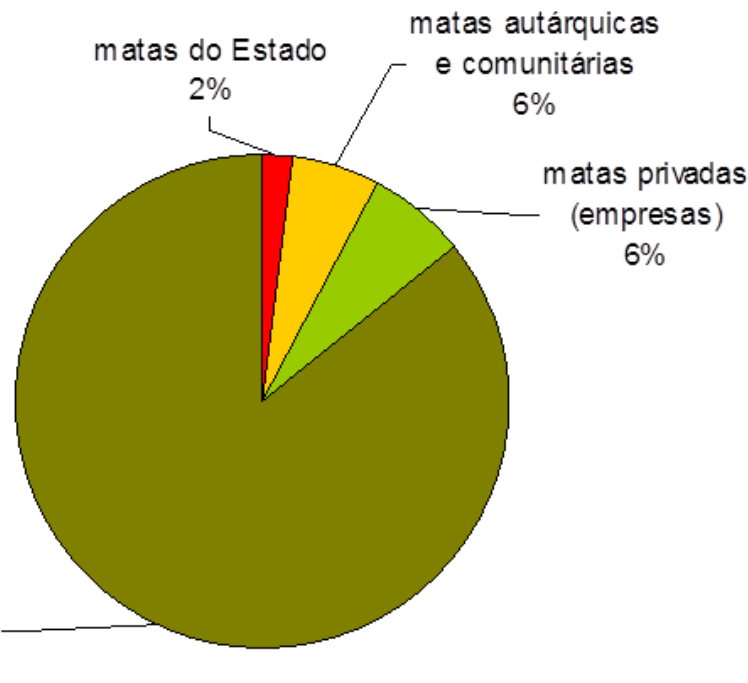
MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY AREAS

- 113 000 ha of state properties
- 26 000 ha of municipalities properties
- 465 500 ha of communal areas



**538 000 ha under forest regime (regime florestal),
of which 456 000 ha managed by the Forest Services**

Forest Sector – facts and figures to keep



MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE AREA

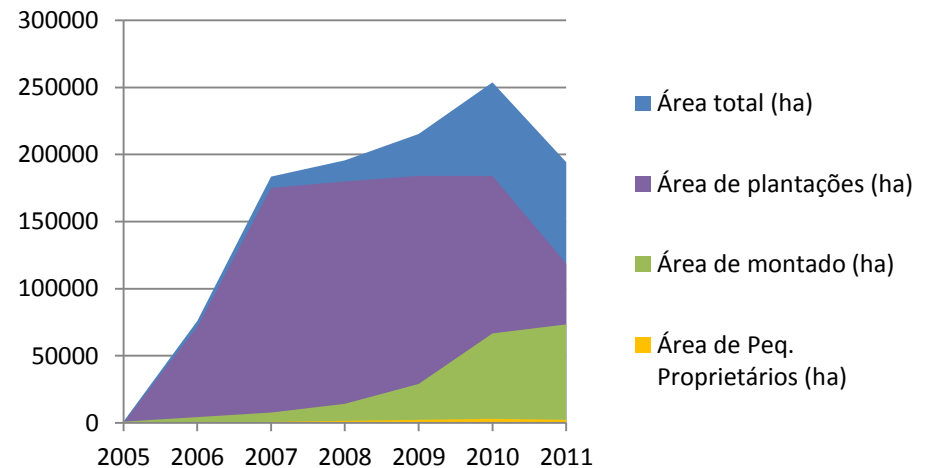
- **92%** of the forest is **private**
- **400 000** landowners and **6,5 millions** of properties

FSC in Portugal

- I FSC Forum – December 2006 – more than 200 participants
- The first 3 years were focus mainly in the:
 - establishment of FSC National Initiative
 - development of the FSC Forest Management standard for Portugal
- **2010** was the **turning point**
 - accreditation as FSC National Office
 - accreditation of Portuguese Controlled Wood Risk Analysis (5th within FSC)
 - sending the FSC FM standard for accreditation
 - first steps on engaging with the Government
 - starting to address FSC promotion at the public society (end Consumer and Corporate Sector)

For the next three years: 2011-2014

1. Updating relevant FSC standards – new P&C
2. Promotion of FSC certification
3. Increasing FSC Certified area



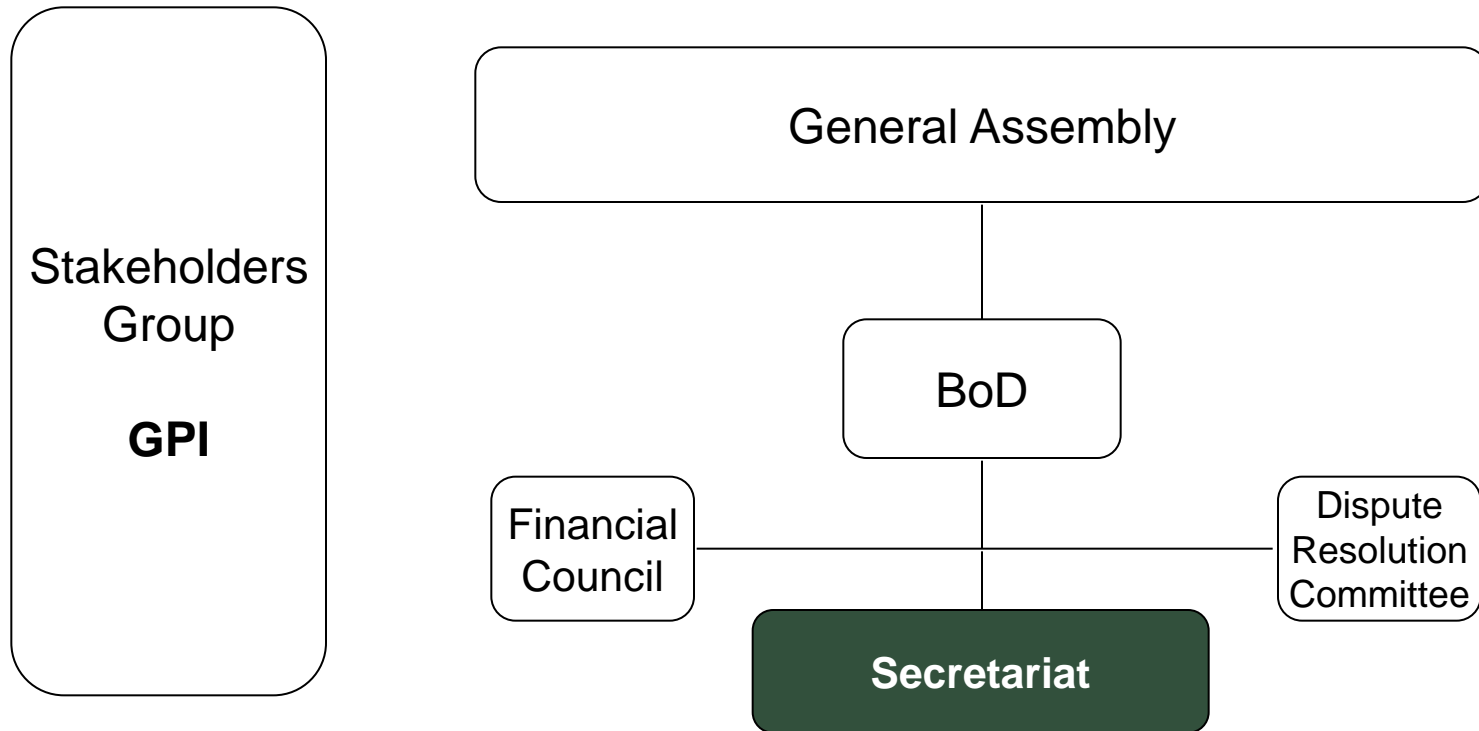
FSC celebrates two major milestones at the World Forestry Congress 09

1'000 FM Certificate is Portuguese



The 1,000th Forest Management certificate was issued to Associação de Agricultores de Charneca (Grupo ACHARsgf), a small farmers association in Chamusca, Portugal. The certificate covers 4535 hectares and harvesting of both timber and non-timber forest products including coniferous and non-coniferous wood, nuts, and natural cork. The certificate was issued by FSC accredited certification body Soil Association Woodmark based in the UK, and is valid for a period of five years, from 21 September 2009 to 20 September 2014.

FSC in Portugal (structure and organization)



Who is on FSC in Portugal (215 GPI e 39 MA)

Social Chamber

- UNAC
- CAP
- Forestis
- (...)

Economical Chamber

- gPS
- Altri
- APCOR
- AIMMP
- Sonae Indússia
- APFC
- (...)

Environmental Chamber

- LPN
- Quercus
- SPEA
- WWF
- (...)

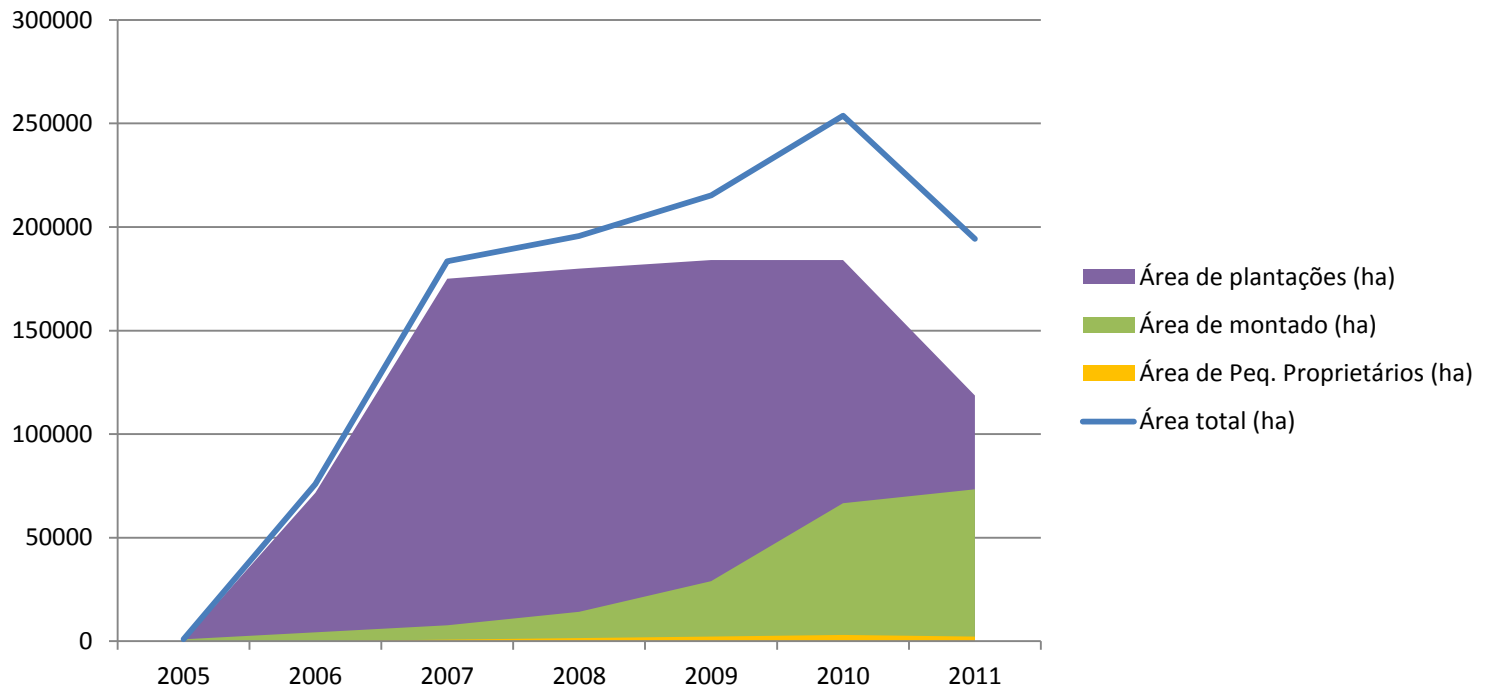
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FSC in Portugal (www.pt.fsc.org)

268'441 ha (185.258 ha)

71000 ha + 38000 ha

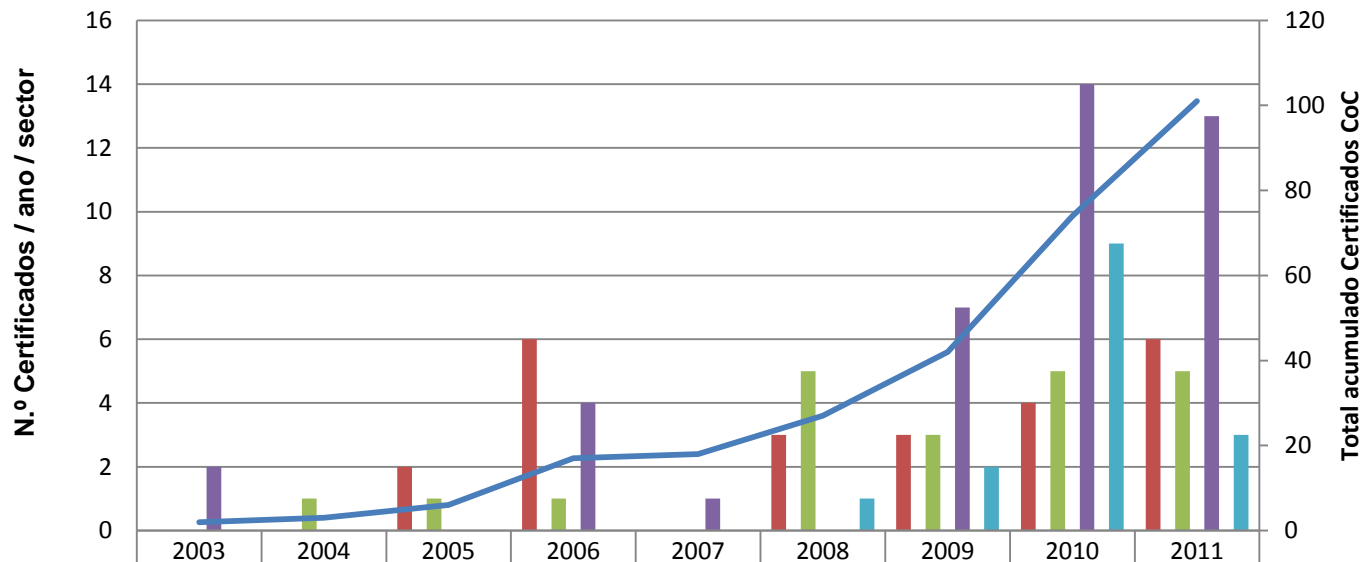
15 FM Certificates (+ 2 suspended)



Chain of Custody Certificates (69)

2003 a Agosto 2011
(2 EC) 8 EC

Certificados CoC - valores históricos cumulativos

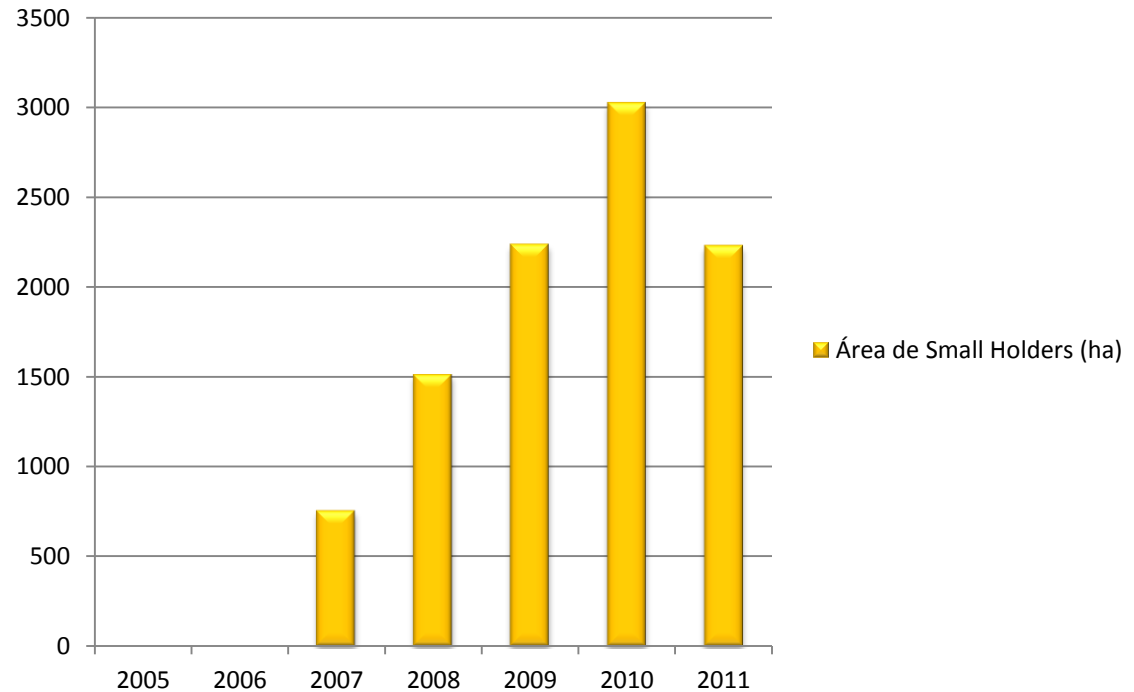


	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Pasta & Papel	0	0	2	6	0	3	3	4	6
Cortiça	0	1	1	1	0	5	3	5	5
Madeira & Mobiliário	2	0	0	4	1	0	7	14	13
Gráficas & outras	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	9	3
N.º total cert. CdC	2	3	6	17	18	27	42	74	101

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- 4th FM Certificate – group certificate of smallholders Flopen – FSC Case Study
- an FSC Group Certificate issued every year
- 4 FSC Group Certificate (1 auto suspended)
- 2228 ha (+/- 1% total FSC certified area)

Evolução da área de Small Holders (ha)



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- **FSC Portugal & Centro PINUS** – joint project with the collaboration of Cooperativa Beira Central (**Fenafloresta**) e Associação de Produtores Florestais dos Concelhos de Alcobaça e Nazaré (**Forestis**)
 - Guide for the implementation of FSC Controlled Wood in Forest Management Enterprises (using a stepwise approach to FSC Certification)
- **CeFCO project** – Portuguese partners: ANEFA & FSC Portugal & NepCON – implementing CeFCo project in Portugal
 - 15 applications from Forest Contractors (1 field test done in July)
 - 2 + 1 + 2 applications form Forest Owners

Certification of Small Holders in Portugal: a reality?

- **Difficulties and Constrains**

- Although defined, there is a lack of political stabilization on the implementation of the National Strategy for Forests
- Need of simplification and better integration on the applicable laws to the forest activities
- Lack of both human and financial resources on the forest producers organizations (part of the OPF are not sustainable)
- Some awareness of FSC Certification, not enough knowledge of the requirements and how to implement them

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- **Difficulties and Constrains**

- In North and Central part of Portugal (Small Holders area), the producers organizations provide some technical advice but are not responsible for the forest management, the owners are
- The strategy define so far by the industry is not clear enough for the forest owners/producers see a real benefit on the certification
- FM standards needing local adaptation and simplification:
 - The use of generic standards (still!) implies several requirements difficult to comply:
 - ✓ excessive documentation
 - ✓ Public engagement



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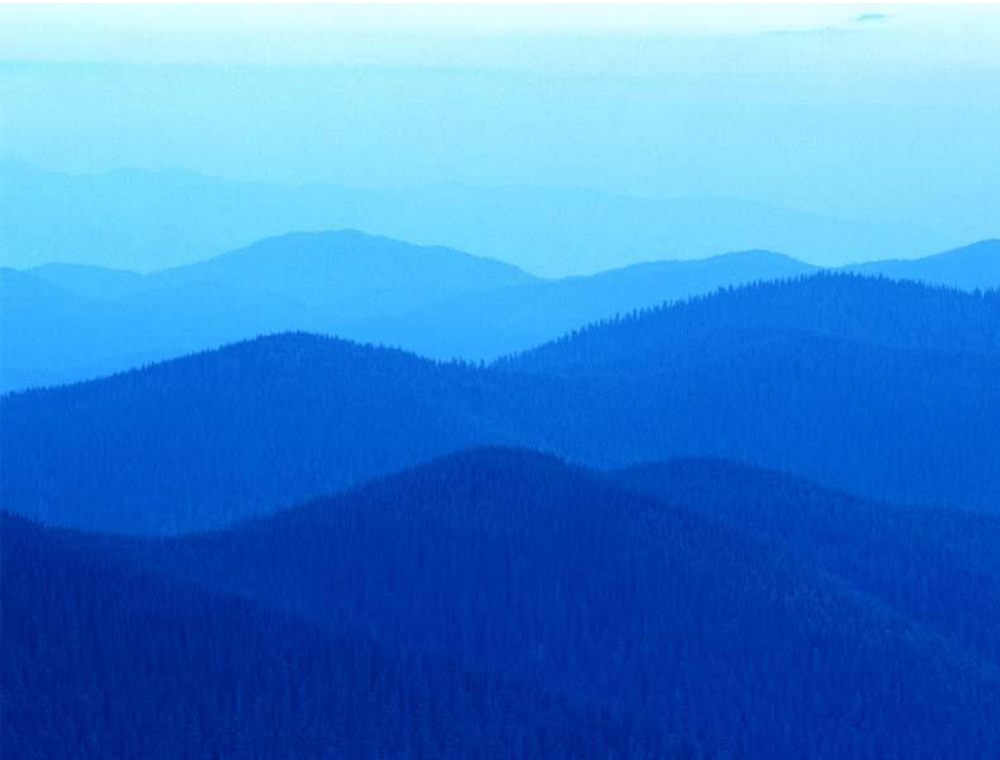
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