

Gerês Community Areas: Community-led biodiversity conservation

The project is composed of 2 management units located on the Peneda Gerês National Park. The areas are called Baldios and are owned and managed by local communities.

They are characterized by their mountain pastures, their stands of different hardwoods and pine forests. Its landscape is marked by its geology and hydrographic network where you can find several waterfalls of extreme beauty.

In these forests we can find protected Natura 2000 habitats, composed by different species of oaks and that play an important role on support to wildlife and have a high floristic value.

Verified Ecosystem Services



Conservation of natural forest characteristics



Conservation of forest carbon stocks

Highlights of this project

1. 170 hectares with increased biodiversity density in five years of implementation
2. 80 per cent increase in carbon storage
3. 418 hectares intervened to prevent forest fires

Project details

Biodiversity conservation

This project contributes to the conservation of Natura 2000 habitats, in 418,51 ha, composed by native species like oak, cork oak and strawberry tree, as well as riparian vegetation. These areas are fundamental for the maintenance of biodiversity and conservation forests. They are characterized by their high environmental value, landscapes, and tourist potential.



High impact community management

This project is managed by communities and smallholders in Northern Portugal. They have helped conserving 311 168 tons of carbon today stocked, implementing management activities that have as main goal the maintenance of the forest area in good health and vitality conditions, control invasive species and reforestation with native species.

Would you like to integrate this project into your climate strategy?

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