

Mobilising companies from the Portuguese food sector through LIFE Food & Biodiversity

An introduction to:

The new act4nature Portugal Initiative

– the way forward to mainstream biodiversity in the food sector -

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1) Implementation of measures to promote biodiversity in farms that supply extensively produced meat to large retailing companies in Portugal



2) Sharing of knowledge regarding opportunities to promote biodiversity



3) Consultation, presentation of recommendations or training



4) Screening of guidelines

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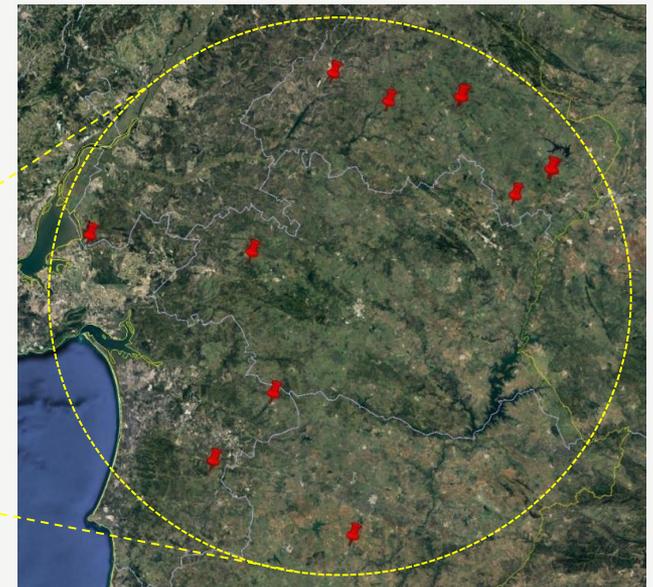


And in several other farms managed by a variety of entities



Measures to promote biodiversity in permanent pastures for meat production (mostly in pastures in Montado/Dehesa systems)

11 farms comprising more than 5,000 hectares of agricultural surface in Southern Portugal (Alentejo)



Installation of tree protectors for the regeneration of Montado/Dehesa areas (protecting young cork and holm oaks from cattle trampling)



Other measures implemented included:

- 1) Reducing/suppressing soil mobilization when sowing (reduced tillage) or controlling shrub growth (mechanical weeding)
- 2) Adoption of livestock management plans

At least 2 companies integrated criteria In their meat supply guidelines such as:

- 1) Average livestock density (LU/ha) in relation to fodder production surface
- 2) Frequency of soil analysis (including soil microbiota)



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“Food Industry, Biodiversity and Climate Change:
What strategy(s) in Portugal?”**

There is high consensus and motivation among stakeholders (companies, producers, etc) for actions regarding biodiversity:

- 1) Consumer dissemination campaigns
- 2) Specific measures of the Common Agricultura Policy
- 3) Adoption of new technologies
- 4) Tax incentives

However, the “act4nature Portugal” initiative, promoted by the BCSD presents a great opportunity for companies in the food sector

