



Project title and/or acronym: **LIFE RELICT - Preserving Continental Laurissilva Relics**

PROJECT LOCATION: Portugal (Estrela, Açor, Monchique)

BUDGET INFO:

Total amount: 1.654.899 €

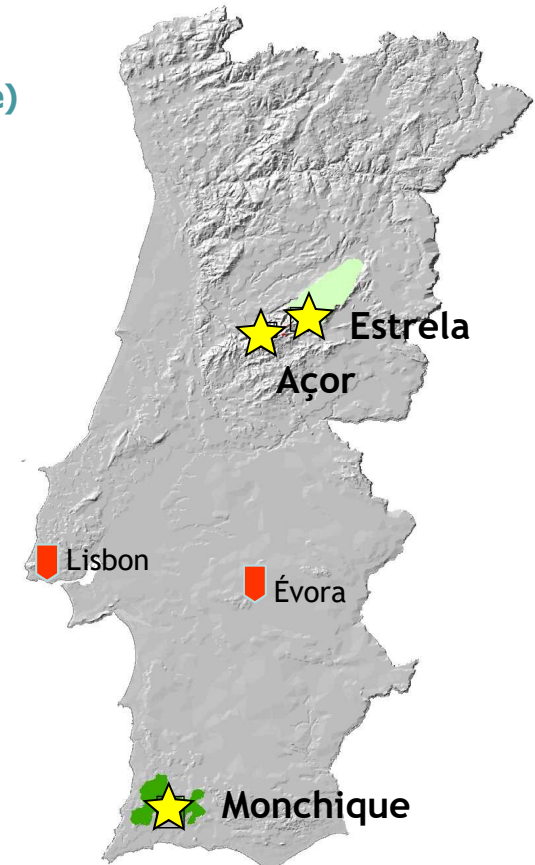
% EC Co-funding: 1.219.078 €

DURATION: Start: 01/10/17
End: 30/09/22

PROJECT'S IMPLEMENTORS:

Coordinating Beneficiary: University of Évora

Associated Beneficiary(ies): CYCITEX (Spain),
Seia and Monchique Municipalities, ADRUSE.





OBJECTIVES & SCOPE:

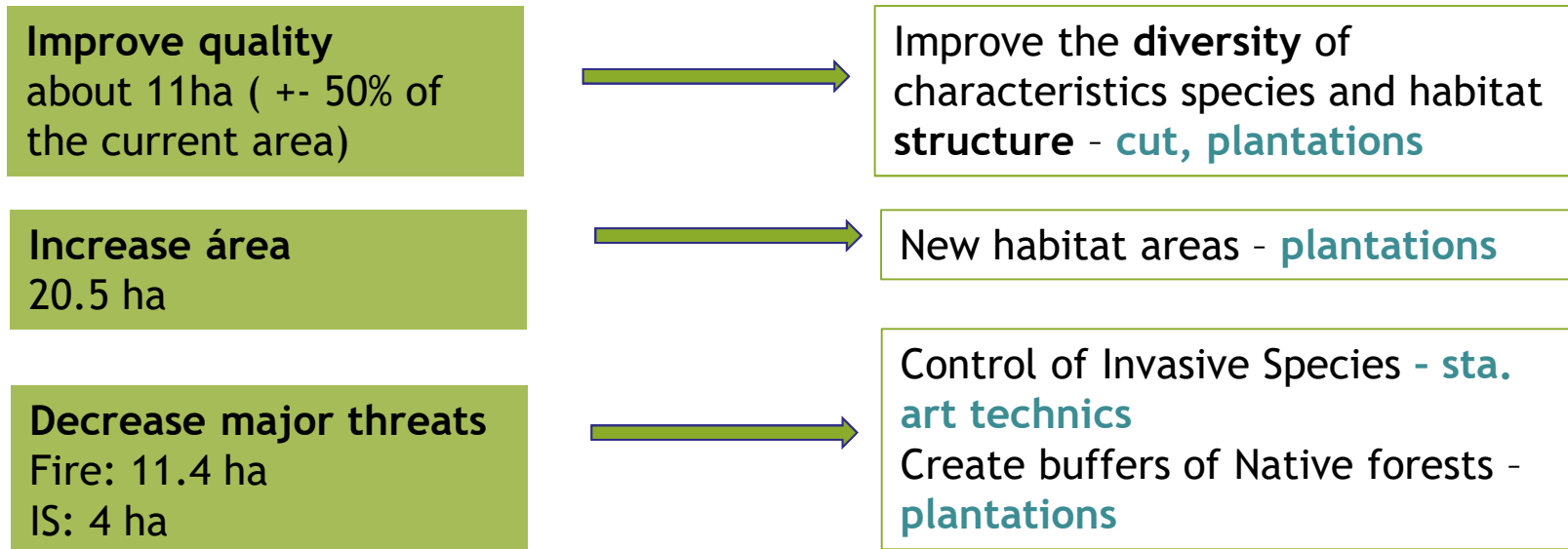
Improve the conservation status of priority habitat 5230* - Arborescent matorral with *Laurus nobilis* - in Portuguese Natura 2000 Network
Currently= (“Inadequate”)



Prunus lusitanica



Rhododendron ponticum subsp. *baeticum*





EXPECTED IMPACTS

1. Sustainable forest and Improve Nature

Habitats/Forest	Project End	5 years after
5230*		
Improve quality 11ha	(20%)	(40%)
Increase Area 20,5 ha	(70%)	(80%)
Improve ecological function 31,5 ha	(100%)	(100%)
9230 + 9240 Increase Area 11,4 ha	(30%)	(40%)
9260 Improve structure and function 1,8 ha	(100%)	(100%)
Resilience		
Resilience to fire/decrease fire risk 78 ha	(100%)	(100%)
Resilience to climate change 78 ha	(100%)	(100%)
Invasive Species (<i>Acacia dealbata</i> and <i>Hakea sericea</i>)		
Areas under control 4	(100%)	(100%)
2. Replication		
Replication / Transfer Spain	2	1
3. Communication/awareness		
Student Population Involved in Activities	1000	1000
Local population	6000	10 000



POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental and conservation benefits, in line with the objectives of the priority areas of LIFE-Environment Program (2014-2017)

7th Environmental Action Program

"Nature and Biodiversity" AND "Governance and information on the environment"

Habitats directive

Promote biodiversity taking account of economic, social, cultural and regional requirements.

EU biodiversity strategy 2020

T1: conserve/ restore nature
T2: maintain/enhance ecosystems and their services
T5: combat invasive alien species
T6: address the global biodiversity crisis.



Preservation and improvement of rare and endangered communities by establishing a series of partnerships between local government and the public university, in order to find compromises of sustainability

Synergies

- National Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change (ENAAAC);
- EU forest strategy
- National Nature Tourism Program