

Improving collective forest management in Portugal through the Landscape Transformation Program







- Rural land ownership in Portugal: the big picture
- Past and present initiatives to overcome fragmentation
- The future ahead of us

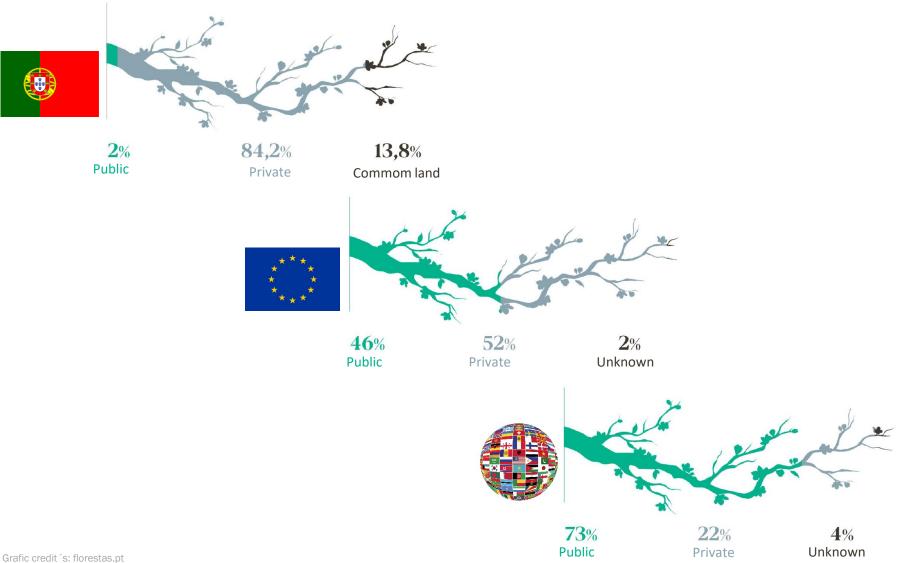
Rural land ownership in Portugal: the big picture

Unique case?



Rural land ownership: Portugal vs World





Land ownership & size







- Unknown number of forest owners
 - 200 400 thousand?
- 10,6 million rural ownership
- Average rural ownership area of 0.78ha
 - $\approx 50\%$ the country without land registry
 - 20 % of rural ownerships has no or unknown owner.

16 millions (?)

[10-13] ha

Land owners & size | consequences





Fragmentation and dimenson

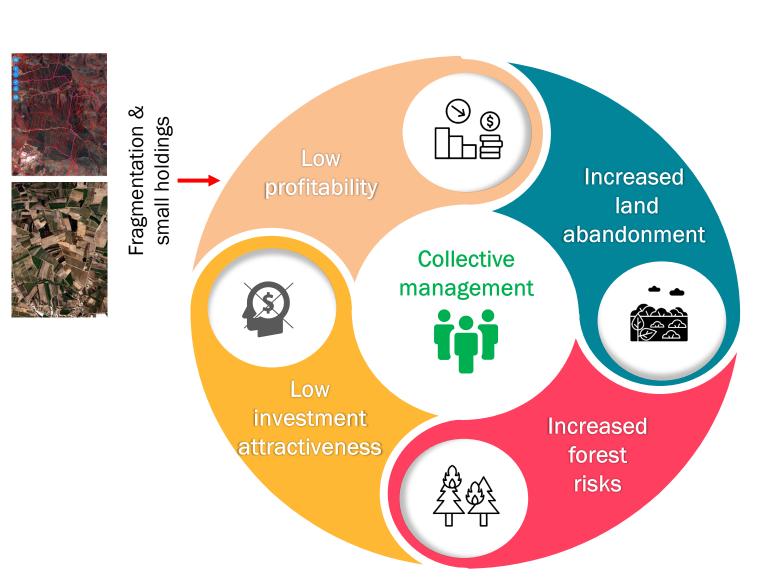


with land registry

without land registry

Complex process







Past and present initiatives to overcome fragmentation

Good examples



Political & public iniatives





Public policy instruments to encourage the collective management of groups of forest properties

Forest Intervention Areas (ZIF)

- Established in 2003
- A continuous and delimited territorial area, made up mainly of forest areas, subject to a Forest Management Plan (FMP), complying with the provisions of the Municipal Forest Fire Defense Plans, and administered by a single entity (ZIF Management Entity)
- Voluntary participation of forest holding owners

Integrated Landscape Management Areas (AIGP)

- Established in 2023
- Define in space and time of the interventions
 for the landscape transformation land use
 conversion and territorial valorization and
 revitalization, as well as the operating model,
 financial resources, management model and
 monitoring program to be implemented in AIGP.
- The AIGP are drawn up by the respective Management Entity
- Voluntary participation of forest holding owners

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Public policy instruments to encourage the collective management of groups of forest properties

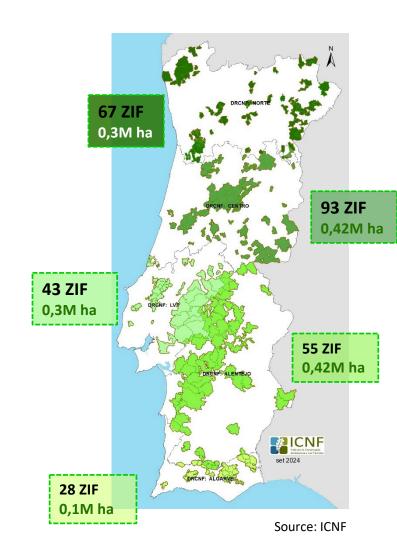
Forest Intervention Area (ZIF)

- Established in 2003
- 2M ha in ZIF with Forest Management Plan
- 32.000 voluntray forest owners involved

Decrease of public funding over the years



More than ever, it is necessary specific programs for these entities effectively and collectively manage the territory



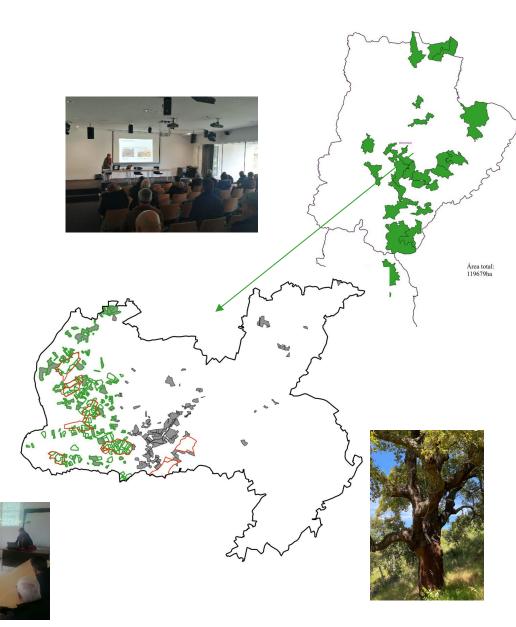
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- Management of 20 ZIF:
 - 119 679 ha
 - 5 100 forest owners involved
 - 3 428 management agreements
 - represent ≈ 60% of total area





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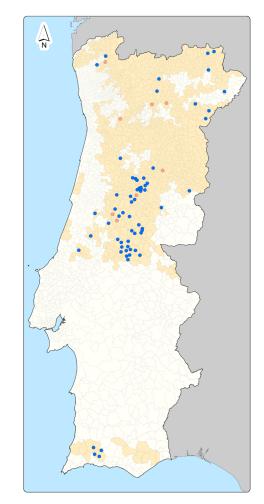
Integrated Landscape Management Operations (OIGPs)

To define in space and time of the interventions for the landscape transformation land use conversion and territorial valorization and revitalization



to enhance its resilience to wildfires, climate changes and ensure management of these areas over the next 20 years.

- 2023
- 140 000 ha with plans to landscape transformations
- voluntary forest owners involvement
- funding by Portugal's Resilient and Recuperation
 Plan (RRP) and public portuguese funds



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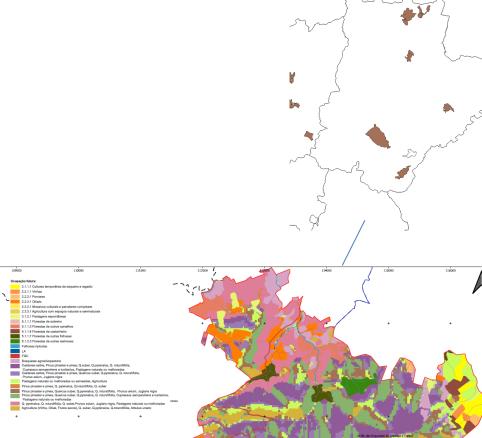




- Total area 1 482,6 ha;
- The transformation is planned for 94.7% of the total area
 - 58.3% will be converted
 - 36.4% will be enhanced actions
 - 5.1% not under go intervention or the intervention will be carried out by other entities
- 65% of the area has already joined
- 91,7% of the total area has funding to manage for the next 20 years

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Transformation has to be done until jun2025



The future ahead of us



The future ahead of us



- Forest owners associations and forest cooperatives are crucial to the process of transforming management and the landscape and the success of collective management:
 - ensuring territorial cohesion
 - know the community and created a relationship of trust
- Specific measures to encourage collective land management it is a European problem, not just a Portuguese one - to increase the profitability of forest owners and forest holdings
- In the next multiannual funding frameworks (discussions have already begun in Brussels) we must guarantee public funds for collective forest management
- Synergies with various stakeholders (private, public) in service provision, raw material supply, R&D and innovation projects, knowledge transfer, and the sharing and implementation of best practices
- There is no single solution; multiple approaches can be adapted and developed





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