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C sequestration in soils, restoration of abandoned lands (soils and biodiversity) with pastures, legumes and animals

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# Sown Biodiverse Permanent Pastures Rich in Legumes A Biodiversity Engineering innovation by David Crespo



Permanent, because they are selfmaintained during at least 10 years (in some cases, 25 years)

Sown, because improved and selected seeds are introduced (by sowing)

Biodiverse, because up to 20 species or varieties are sown

Rich in Legumes, because many plants are legumes, which are a "natural factory" of nitrogen, avoiding the use of synthetic fertilizers

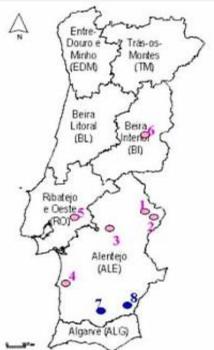


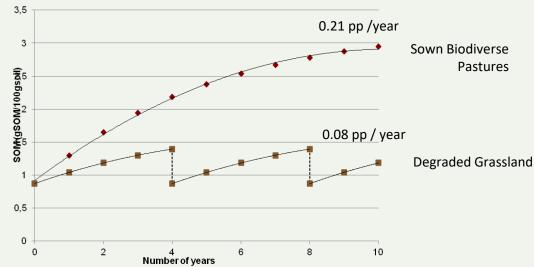
### **Carbon sequestration**









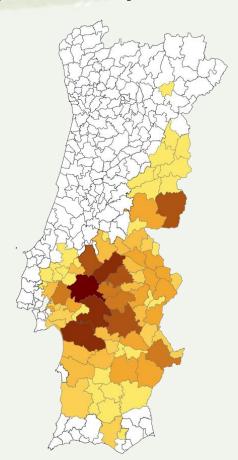


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10 year average 6.5 tCO<sub>2</sub>/ha/y



### **Project Sown Biodiverse Pastures** Project Terraprima/FPC 2009-2014









**Sown Biodiverse Pastures** 

# Farmers

1 000

Area

50 000 ha

CO<sub>2</sub> sold to the **Portuguese Carbon Fund** 

1 Mton



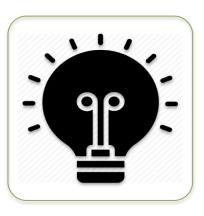
Best European project ©

### Linking the past to the future



### **Problems**

- Inadequate fertilisation
- Ad hoc animal husbandry
- Unattractive jobs

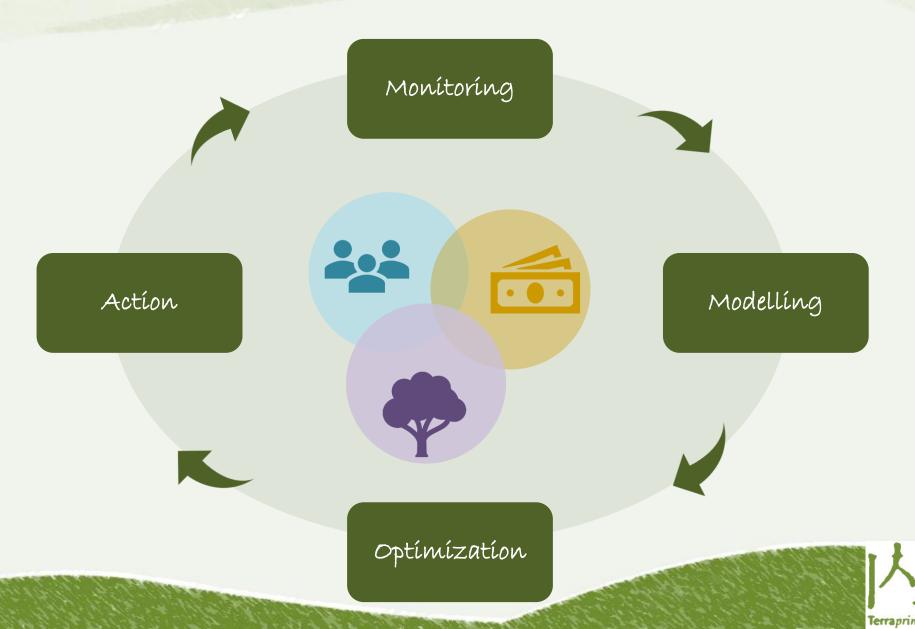


### **Opportunities**

- Differentiated fertilisation
- Knowledge-based animal husbandry based
- Highly qualified jobs



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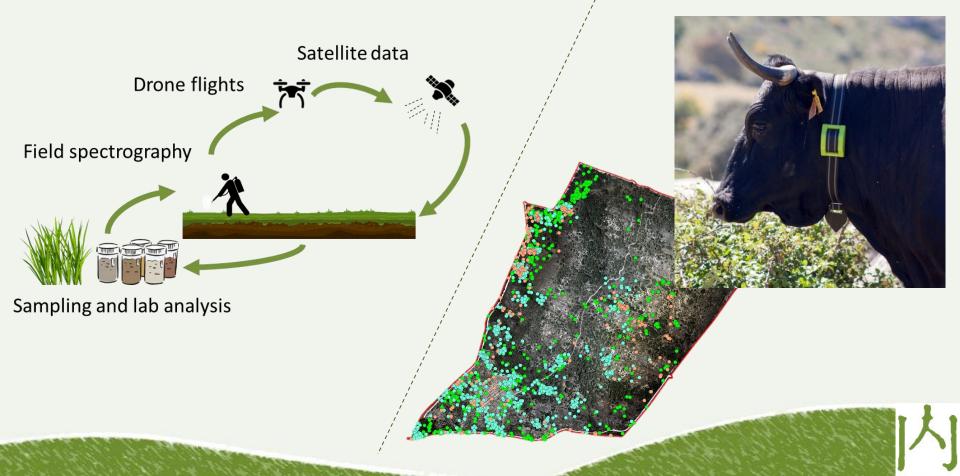


# **Monitoring**



Soil & Pastures

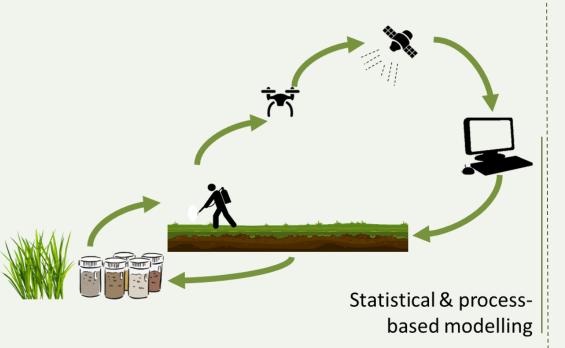
Animals



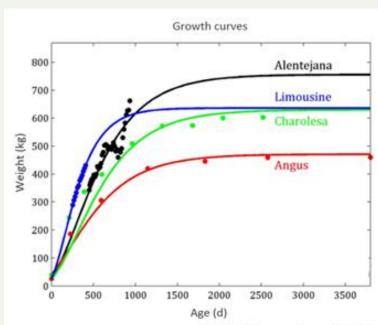
### Modelling



#### Soil & Pastures



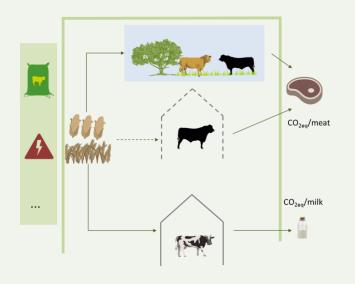
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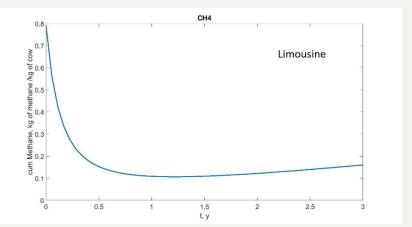


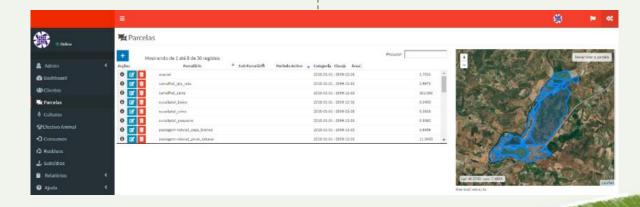


### **Optimisation**

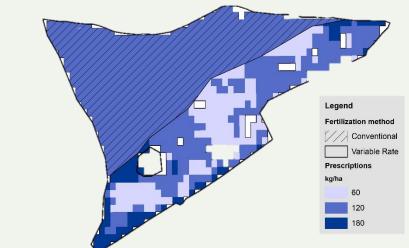








## **Action**













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