



Supply Base Report: Jose Afonso & Filhos S.A

Re-assessment

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1 Overview

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Name of CB: NEPCon OÜ

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Weblink to Standard(s) used: <https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/standards>

SBP Endorsed Regional Risk Assessment: N/A

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Indicate how the current evaluation fits within the cycle of Supply Base Evaluations

Main (Initial) Evaluation	First Surveillance	Second Surveillance	Third Surveillance	Fourth Surveillance	Re-assessment
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2 Description of the Supply Base

2.1 General description

Feedstock types: Secondary

Includes Supply Base evaluation (SBE): No

Feedstock origin (countries): Portugal, Spain

2.2 Description of countries included in the Supply Base

Country:Portugal

Area/Region: Mianland

Exclusions: No

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Therefore, the supply area includes the entire mainland of Portugal and potentially all of mainland of Spain.

In Portugal, the pine wood consumption stood at 4.5 M m³ in 2019. It is estimated that the availability is 1.77 M m³, resulting in an annual deficit of 2.71 M m³. The pellet production industry consumes currently about 1.07 M tons of biomass per year, having 25 production units in the country (source: Centro PINUS, 2020.).

In Portugal, the pulp, particle board and saw mill industry consumes around 3 million tons/year of pine. The pellet industry consumes about 1.4 million tons of biomass annually with 24 producers in the country.

JAF produces about 90,000 t /year of pellets; resulting in a consumption of raw forest material of 145,000 t/year.

In regards to the sawmills, there are many in the region, but smaller and consumes less wood.

There is also the pulp industry in Portugal that consumes about 6 million tons/year of eucalyptus.

The forestry sector in the Iberian Peninsula represents a strategic wealth, environmentally, economically and socially. If we consider the Iberian Peninsula as one unit within the EU, it has a total of 28,715,000 ha of forested land, which is 48% of the landmass of the two countries placing the Iberian Peninsula in 4th place after important countries such as Sweden, Finland and France.

Forested land on the Iberian Peninsula totals 8.852 million ha (15% of the territory), which is less than in countries that are more forested, but is well above the rest of the EU, harvesting approximately 25.5 million m³ annually.

Portugal has about 9.8 million inhabitants and has an area of 8.7 million hectares.

According to data of the last National Forest Inventory (IFN6 – Principais resultados – relatório sumário, ICNF, 2019.), forest, which includes wooded and temporarily not wooded land (cut, burned and regenerating) is the main national land use (36%), representing one of the largest proportions of forested areas in Europe.

The forest of the continent alarea is dominated by native species, highlighting the oaks (including cork oak and holm oak, about 36% of the total) and pine trees (about 30%). Eucalyptus plantations occupy 26% of the forest area and the rest of the area is distributed by species of lower expression (including *Castanea sativa*, *Arbutus unedo*, *Ceratonia siliqua*, *Acacia* spp, Poplars, and others).

National Forest Inventory (IFN6) also presents the following conclusions:

- Forest areas covers 6.1 million hectares (69.4%) of the continental national territory.

- The reducing trend of the forest area, which has been in place since 1995, was reversed in 2015, with an increase of 59.000 ha (1.9%) since 2010 (date of the last Inventory).
- The national forest is mostly composed of native species (72%), some occupying territories larger than their original.
- In structural, functional and landscape terms, the forest of the continent can be organized into four large groups: pine forests (Maritime Pine - *Pinus pinaster* and Umbrella Pine - *Pinus pinea*); perennial hardwoods (cork oak and holm oak); deciduous hardwoods (oaks, chestnut trees and others); and industrial hardwood plantations (*Eucalyptus* spp.).
- The "montado" (perennial hardwoods - cork oak and holm oak) are the main forest occupation, with about 1 million hectares and representing a 1/3 of forest area. Are multi-use forest ecosystems, which do not have wood production as the main function.
- Pine forests are the second forest occupation, with an area close to 825 thousand hectares, with the greatest reduction in the occupied area. The reduction is caused by forest fires and diseases (Mainly the Nematode). However, in the period between 2010 and 2015, the area of, recorded a very significant slowdown in the rate of reducing trend that occurred since 1995 (IFN4), which reveals the extraordinary resilience of these pine forests to disturbances.
- Deciduous hardwood (oaks, chestnut trees and others) are the least representative forest occupation, although there has been a systematic increase over the last 20 years, which is most significant in the period between the last two inventories (2005 and 2015) (46,000 ha; 17%).
- Eucalyptus plantations occupy 844,000 ha, about 26% of the continental forest area and presenting a systematic increase over the last 50 years.
- In 2015, Portugal had 172 million m³ of growing wood, an identical value to what occurred in IFN5 (2005).
- The maintenance of timber volumes between the last two inventories shows that in this period forest production, overall, can be considered sustainable, as wood cuts and losses by fires or pests have been in balance with forest growth. However, this analysis carried out for the main species with woody use reveals a distinct situation.
- The growing wood volume (i.e. of live trees) of Maritime Pine shows a decrease of 30,2 Mm³ compared to the previous IFN, resulting in 2018 51,8 Mm³. The volume of eucalyptus growing wood remains constant since the IFN5 (44 Mm³), despite the area increase of about 58,000 ha. That is, the availability of Maritime Pine is decreasing and eucalyptus wood does not follow its increase in area.
- In terms of wood biomass and carbon stored in living trees in forest areas, there is an increase in both values, resulting from the change in the specific composition of the forest, and partly from the improvement of evaluation methods.
- IFN6 characterizes the state of the forest in 2015 which is necessarily different from its current situation, as a result of the dynamics of forest ecosystems and, in particular, severe rural fires of 2017 and 2018 (Monchique). The impact of these disturbances and the dynamics of deforestation/reforestation and exploitation of resources will be properly assessed in the next IFN, which is scheduled for the start of next year. However, it is possible to make approximate estimates of the consequences of these rural fires on the basis of existing IFN6 data and affected areas. Thus, it is estimated that these fires have affected a forest area of 329,4 thousand ha.

Forest ownership is mostly private, with 2.8 million hectares, or 84.2% of the total area owned by small private properties and 6.5% which is owned by industrial companies. About 85% of the Portuguese forest is privately owned, only 3% are public (the lowest percentage in Europe), and the remaining 12% are communitarian.

The size of the forest properties has a very distinct geographical distribution. A large number of the properties are located in the north and center, where logging occur on properties of less than 1 hectare. It is estimated that there are more 400 000 forest owners in the country.

Despite the high number of owners and the small size of the forest properties, the goods produced from these areas account for 5% of the GVA (Gross Value Added) of the economy, accounting for about 4% of the gross domestic product (GDP) and 14% of the industrial GDP.

The Portuguese business structure in the forestry sector includes some of the most representative European companies in this sector. In regards to the international market sales for forest products and forest-based products, the most important are: paper and cardboard, pulp, cork, wood and resin products and furnitures.

According to information in the "Characterization of the Forest Industry Report of 2014", sponsored by the Association for the Competitiveness of the Forestry Industry (AIFF), for the reference period of 2011-2013, the trade balance associated with the forestry industries sector presents a positive balance of 2,474 million euros (2013), corresponding to 9.1% of total national exports of goods and 3.4% of total national imports of goods. The forest industry employs 2.2% of all persons employed by companies in Portugal and 1.7% of the total employed population

In 2012, the Gross Value Added (GVA) in forestry increased by 3.9% in volume and 2.4% in value in relation to 2011. In relation to forestry production there was also a recorded increase of 4 3% in volume and 3.6% in value in relation to 2011. During this same year, the GVA of the forestry sector industries accounted for 1.2% of the national GVA, having maintained a significant presence in total manufacturing (about 11%).

However, according to Centro PINUS (Association for the development of the Pine Forest), as to recently published data from the INE (National Institute of Statistics), the turnover for pine wood industrial companies in 2018 was 4.137 million Euros, representing an increase of 6% compared to 2017. The pine wood industries maintain a turnover of 46% of the wood manufacturing sector in Portugal. This is evidence as good as any for the powerful dynamism and economic importance of the pine wood industries in Portugal.

According to Pedro Sebastião Perestrelo de Souza e Holstein Campilho in his thesis Assessment of National Potential for Forest Biomass Utilization for Energy Purposes published in 2010, the trend of loss of socioeconomic sustainability of the Portuguese forestry sector in recent years, when supplemented with a conjecture to encourage the production of renewable energy, translates into a set of developments which enhance the demand for biomass from logging residues for energy use. The demand for biomass tends to be met in the short term, in scenarios substantially sustainable. However, in the medium and long term projection, even without considering significant increases in demand for this resource, results in difficulties to meet existing market demands with conditions for sustainability as those experienced in the short term.

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The elaboration of a PGF is a legal requirement for some private properties (depending on the size and requirement of the applicable Regional Plan of Territorial Planning (PROF) for the property, as well as the Forest Intervention Areas (ZIF).

In November 2018 (date of the last information available from the ICNF), there were more than 3,000 approved PGFs (1.72 million hectares), representing 31% of the forest area in Mainland Portugal.

In Portugal it is not necessary to have specific authorization for harvesting except for cork oak, holm oak and logging in protected or classified areas. When logging Pine it is necessary to produce a harvest manifest, pruning and transport of coniferous wood (Decree-Law 123/2015 of 3 July), which concerns the application of the extraordinary measures of plant protection essential to the control of the pine wood nematode (PWN).

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According to the "Diagnosis del Sector Forestal Español" Análisis y Prospective - Serie Agrinfo/Medioambiente No. 8, Spain has 18.4 million hectares of forest area, representing 36.3% of the

national land base, being the third largest in Europe. Currently 68.6% of national forest area is private (19 million ha) and 31.4% is public, mainly from local authorities (Ayuntamientos).

An enormous diversity exists, both in the number of species as in the variety of forest stands. According to the National Forest Inventory, more than 80% of forest areas are composed of two or more species.

According to the publication "Criterios e Indicadores de gestión forestal sostenible en los bosques españoles" from the Spanish MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE ENVIRONMENT, the volume of wood (with bark), according to the 3rd National Forest Inventory, reaches the figure of 927 760 000 m³. The average annual production of timber and firewood, according to available data (2005-2009) was 17.19 million m³ with bark - 14,450,000 m³ without bark.

45% of the average production corresponds to the harvest of softwood, 35% hardwood and 20% are mixtures of various species. The main producing wood species are Eucalyptus, Maritime Pine, Radiata Pine, Scots Pine and Poplar, all with an annual production over 500,000 m³.

Between 1970 and 2010 the forest area in Spain increased by about 6.48 million hectares. Between 1990 and 2010 the growth was 31%: 4.4 million ha, with an average rate of 210,000 ha / year. It is the European country with the highest growth.

Forestry, harvesting and the timber and paper industry produced in 2009, a GVA of 6,635 million euros, representing a direct contribution of 0.63% to the national GDP.

In forestry and harvesting in 2013, there was an average of 31,000 workers, while in the forestry industry (wood, cork and paper) had a total of 104.600 employees.

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In Spain, for private properties, if there is a PORF (Forest Management Plan) or management tools, the owner must notify the forestry agency of the Autonomous Community (CCAA) with their logging plan. Otherwise, the owner shall communicate their logging plan to the forestry agency of the Autonomous Community (CCAA) adhering to the Autonomous Community regulations.

Public areas are regulated by the forestry agency of the CAAC.

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2.3 Actions taken to promote certification amongst feedstock supplier

The company has contacted each of its suppliers and affirmed the importance of providing certified material (FSC or PEFC), pointing out the increasing demands of markets and consumers regarding the legal and sustainable source of forest products, including biomass for energy production.

The person responsible for standing timber or log purchases has also informed the producers and forest owners that added value is gained by managing their areas as certified, either individually or through group initiatives recognized by the company.

In addition, the company's employees have participated in events related to management and forest certification, trying to gather information and give their contribution to the development of the subject, especially in Portugal.

2.4 Quantification of the Supply Base

Supply Base

- a. **Total Supply Base area (million ha):** 21,50
- b. **Tenure by type (million ha):**15.80 (Privately owned), 5.70 (Public)
- c. **Forest by type (million ha):**21.50 (Temperate)

d. **Forest by management type (million ha):**16.90 (Plantation), 4.60 (Managed natural)

e. **Certified forest by scheme (million ha):**2.73 (PEFC), 0.84 (FSC)

Describe the harvesting type which best describes how your material is sourced: N/A

Explanation: Secondary feedstock only.

Was the forest in the Supply Base managed for a purpose other than for energy markets? N/A

Explanation: Secondary feedstock only.

For the forests in the Supply Base, is there an intention to retain, restock or encourage natural regeneration within 5 years of felling? N/A

Explanation: Secondary feedstock only.

Was the feedstock used in the biomass removed from a forest as part of a pest/disease control measure or a salvage operation? N/A

Explanation: Secondary feedstock only.

Feedstock

Reporting period from: 01 Jan 2020

Reporting period to: 31 Dec 2020

a. **Total volume of Feedstock:** 1-200,000 tonnes

b. **Volume of primary feedstock:** 0 N/A

c. **List percentage of primary feedstock, by the following categories.**

- Certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A
- Not certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A

d. **List of all the species in primary feedstock, including scientific name:** N/A (N/A);

e. **Is any of the feedstock used likely to have come from protected or threatened species?** N/A

- Name of species: N/A
- Biomass proportion, by weight, that is likely to be composed of that species (%): N/A

f. **Hardwood (i.e. broadleaf trees): specify proportion of biomass from (%):** N/A

g. **Softwood (i.e. coniferous trees): specify proportion of biomass from (%):** N/A

h. **Proportion of biomass composed of or derived from saw logs (%):** N/A

i. **Specify the local regulations or industry standards that define saw logs:** N/A

j. **Roundwood from final fellings from forests with > 40 yr rotation times - Average % volume of fellings delivered to BP (%):** N/A

k. **Volume of primary feedstock from primary forest:** N/A N/A

l. **List percentage of primary feedstock from primary forest, by the following categories. Subdivide by SBP-approved Forest Management Schemes:**

- Primary feedstock from primary forest certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A
- Primary feedstock from primary forest not certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A

m. **Volume of secondary feedstock:** 1-200,000 tonnes

- Physical form of the feedstock: Chips, Sawdust

n. **Volume of tertiary feedstock:** 0 tonnes

- Physical form of the feedstock: N/A

Proportion of feedstock sourced per type of claim during the reporting period

Feedstock type	Sourced by using Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) %	FSC %	PEFC %	SFI %
Primary	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Secondary	0,00	0,15	5,32	0,00
Tertiary	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Other	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00

3 Requirement for a Supply Base Evaluation

Is Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) is completed? No

N/A

4 Supply Base Evaluation

4.1 Scope

Feedstock types included in SBE: N/A

SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used: N/A

List of countries and regions included in the SBE:

Country: N/A

Indicator with specified risk in the risk assessment used:
N/A

Specific risk description:

4.2 Justification

N/A

4.3 Results of risk assessment and Supplier Verification Programme

N/A

4.4 Conclusion

N/A

5 Supply Base Evaluation process

N/A

6 Stakeholder consultation

N/A

6.1 Response to stakeholder comments

N/A

7 Mitigation measures

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N/A

7.2 Monitoring and outcomes

N/A

8 Detailed findings for indicators

Detailed findings for each Indicator are given in Annex 1 in case the Regional Risk Assessment (RRA) is not used.

Is RRA used? N/A

9 Review of report

9.1 Peer review

N/A

9.2 Public or additional reviews

N/A

10 Approval of report

Approval of Supply Base Report by senior management			
Report Prepared by:	Francisco Fernandes	Commercial Responsible	12 Feb 2021
	Name	Title	Date
Report Prepared by:	Giovanni de Alencastro	Consultant	12 Feb 2021
	Name	Title	Date
<p>The undersigned persons confirm that I/we are members of the organisation's senior management and do hereby affirm that the contents of this evaluation report were duly acknowledged by senior management as being accurate prior to approval and finalisation of the report.</p>			
Report approved by:	José Luís Afonso	General Director	12 Feb 2021
	Name	Title	Date

Annex 1: Detailed findings for Supply Base Evaluation indicators

N/A