

TRANSNATIONAL MOBILITY IN PORTUGAL

FARMS VISITS

Please, fill in the table below for each farm visited on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th of November, in Alentejo.

Name of the farm	Be Aromatic
Location (city, area)	Quinta dos Choupos, Loios - Louredo CX Postal 3504 7005-874 Évora
Creation date	2012
The farmers	
Numbers of owners, and gender	Two persons (husband and wife)
Professional background	Husband : landscape architect Wife : graphic designer
Do they have previous experience in agriculture?	No
Do they have another job? If so, what job?	Yes, the women only
Did they take a training on agriculture?	Yes, they were trained with EPAM (Empreender na Fileira as Plantas Aromáticas e Medicinais) in Portugal
Are they members of a cooperative? (yes / no)	NA
The farm	
Total surface area (ha)	3 ha
Number of hectares that are actually cultivated with MAP (ha)	2 ha
Other activities on the farm (olive trees,...)	Olive trees, ornamental plants, floral design
Number of MAP species produced	About 20
Latin names of species produced and their pourcentage of occupation (or ha) - list at least the main ones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Artemisia absinthum</i> (the shape of the leafs changed after some time in their soil, the leafs became more <i>dentate</i>) • <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> (use mainly for ornamental, but when the cuts are considerable, they also commercialize) • <i>Melissa officinalis</i> • <i>Aloysia triphylla</i> • <i>Thymus vulgaris</i> • <i>Thymus citriodorus</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Thymus mastichina</i> • <i>Mentha piperita</i> • <i>Origanum vulgare</i> • <i>Origanum majorana</i> • <i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> • <i>Satureja montana</i> • <i>Salvia officinalis</i> • <i>Mentha pulegium</i> • <i>Capsicum annuum</i> • <i>Laurus nobilis</i> • <i>Petroselinum sativa</i> • <i>Coriandrum sativum</i> • <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> • <i>Eruca sativa</i>
Do they practice wild harvesting (yes/no)	No
Names of the wild harvested species	NA
Number of full time workers (in addition to the farmers)	An average of 3 workers
Number of seasonal workers (in addition to the farmers)	NA
Production	
Warehouse facilities (m ²)	1000 m ² (5 sections; Apiculture Room, Meals Room, Packaging Room Floral Design Room and Toilets)
Green house (m ²)	400 m ²
Plastic cover, total/partial (yes/no)	Totally covered by plastic
Fertilization system (fertirrigation, manure, etc...)	Fertirrigation
Irrigation system (type of irrigation)	Drop by drop under the plastic cover. They say it degrades slower under the plastic and helps to hold the irrigation tubes Irrigation system through a spring and a forage
Well (yes/no)	NA
Water deposit (yes/no)	A pool of water, with a pump to extract the water
Method of harvesting: - Mechanical / manual - Type of equipment	Manual Mechanical with a tractor
Number of harvest/year for each MAP produced (please use latin names)	NA
Other production equipment (tractor,...)	Tractor, “brush cutter” (rarely for weed control, it spreads too much “garbage” to the plants), Lawn-mower (normally for weed control in the surroundings of the fields)

Transformation	
Dryer on site (yes/no)	Yes
Type of dryer (solar, electrical, etc)	Natural and electric (Aroma Dry)
Use of decontamination process (freezing) (yes/no)	No
Other transformation equipment	Thresher, grinder (for <i>Capsicum annuum</i>)
Sales and market	
Marketing mode (bulk, direct sale, etc)	Bulk and sale of their through their brand "be aromatic", Mostly export. Some direct sales.
Own brand (name)	Be Aromatic
If own brand: type of packaging	Several: cans, paper packaging, bottles... Round cylinders of card box, plastic bag inside (not thermosealed), Kraft bags
Main partners for commercialization: compagnies countries	Europe, France, Herbiere du Diois Stores in Lisbon and other big cities
General notes	
Please feel free to add any information relevant about this farm.	
A great diversity of plants, nice packaging, nice website, huge infrastructures. Advices given: « start small and then grow slowly. 3 hectares is too much to start »	

