


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	Aromáticas de Palma 
Location (city, area)	Rua 31 de Janeio nº11, 7300-211 Évora , São Manços, ,
Creation date	NA
The farmers	
Numbers of owners, and gender	1 men from Moldavian, living in Portugal for 20 years
Professional background	The owner has another company in agriculture
Do they have previous experience in agriculture?	Yes in agriculture services but not in MAP production
Do they have another job? If so, what job?	NA
Did they take a training on agriculture?	NA
Are they members of a cooperative? (yes / no)	NA
The farm	
Total surface area (ha)	2
Number of hectares that are actually cultivated with MAP (ha)	2
Other activities on the farm (olive trees,...)	NA
Number of MAP species produced	3
Latin names of species produced and their percentage of occupation (or ha) - list at least the main ones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Aloysia triphylla</i> • <i>Thymus vulgaris</i> • <i>Thymus x citriodorus</i>
Do they practice wild harvesting	No

(yes/no)	
Names of the wild harvested species	NA
Number of full time workers (in addition to the farmers)	1 person for marketing and sales Several persons from the other company also work there if needed
Number of seasonal workers (in addition to the farmers)	About 10 persons, not full-time, not on a regular basis
Production	
Warehouse facilities (m ²)	Around 400m ² + House facilities
Green house (m ²)	No
Plastic cover, total/partial (yes/no)	Partial plastic cover partial They remove the plastic cover because fertirrigation is not enough and they want to introduce organic product into the soil.
Fertilization system (fertirrigation, manure, etc...)	Fertirrigation (not used a lot because expensive), Manure
Irrigation system (type of irrigation)	Irrigation Drop-to-Drop; water from the Alqueva dam
Well (yes/no)	NA
Water deposit (yes/no)	NA
Method of harvesting: - Mechanical / manual - Type of equipment	Mechanical and manual
Number of harvest/year for each MAP produced (please use latin names)	4 or 5 cuts a year
Other production equipment (tractor,...)	Tractor, harvesting machine, shredding machine, quad and tools (from the other company).
Transformation	
Dryer on site (yes/no)	Yes
Type of dryer (solar, electrical, etc)	Natural and by gas Dryer.1. Gas dryer (dries at 35-38 °C for 48 hours); 2 modules of 4x3x3m ³ ; each module has capacity of 200 Kg fresh plant; plants dry in plastic boxes, with no "trolley" Dryer.2. Natural dryer; part of the warehouse with the top covered by black plastic; It has at the bottom an extraction of humid air; only fills half of the area with plants, so the air can easily circulate; dries plants on plastic boxes with special trolley designed by them
Use of decontamination process (freezing) (yes/no)	Freezing, -20 °C for 48 hours

Other transformation equipment	NA
Sales and market	
Marketing mode (bulk, direct sale, etc)	Bulk Sell in bulk for exportation. They also develop their own brand.
Own brand (name)	Not yet (in the futur, "Aromáticas de Palma")
If own brand: type of packaging	NA
Main partners for commercialization: compagnies countries	Europe, France (Herbier du Diois) Canada (sees oportunity in the future)
General notes	
Please fell free to add any information relevant about this farm.	
<p>Thinking of certifying to Biodynamic because of market demand (but don't have a biodiversity/multifunctional farm) Wants to lower the mechanization of the farm and extend the quality of the products (they believe both are associated). This farmer has no problem on working hand, but he dilutes the costs with his agricultural services company! Working hand cost is about 52 €/day Would like to invest more in soil fertility, drainage, choosing better plant species and marketing</p> <p>Mechanical separation of stem and leafs for Thymus spp (Europrima separation machine). Manual separation of stem and leafs for A.triphyllya</p> <p>The owner has an interesting opinion about the use of plastic cover. He wishes to remove them because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he can't fertilise as much as he wants - they are expensive - the soil is not breathing and become poor - he does not see the soil and the potential deseases under the plastic 	

