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RESTORING RIVER CONNECTIVITY FOR MIGRATORY FISH IN THE VOUGA RIVER BASIN

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Location: Vouga river basin, Central Portugal

Duration: Aug.2017 to Jul.2024

Budget: 3 324,804 € (60% EU)



Coordinating Beneficiary: UNIVERSIDADE DE ÉVORA



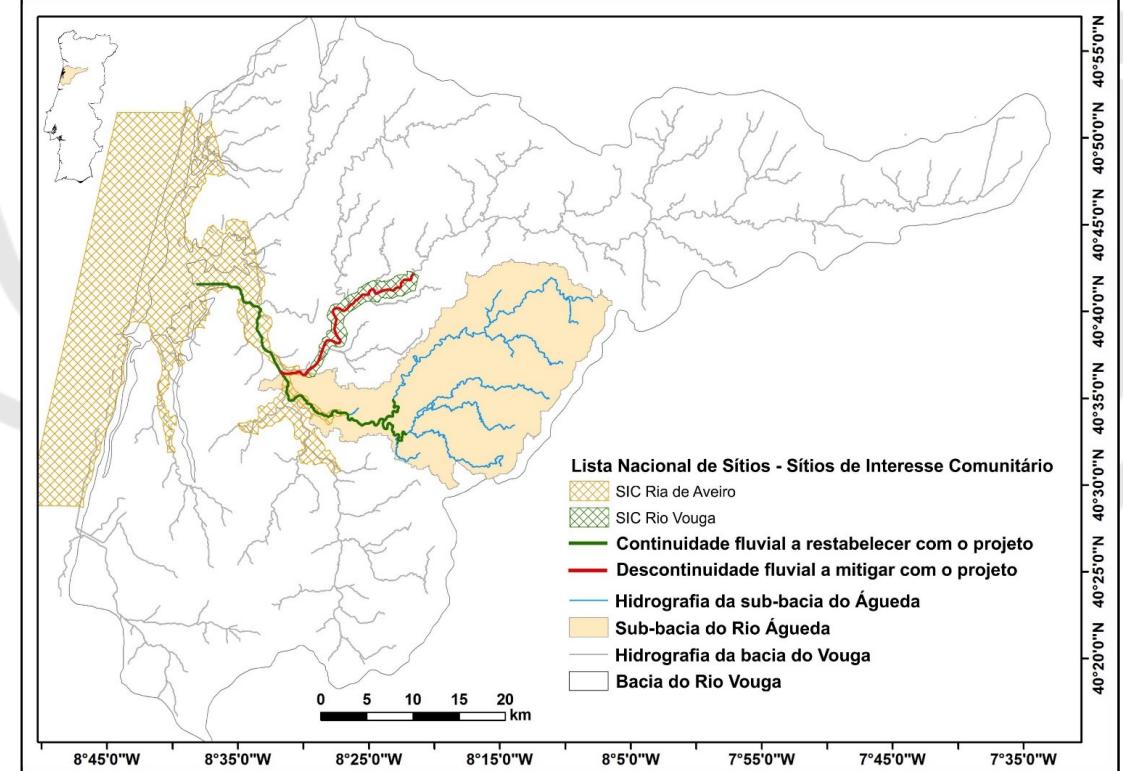
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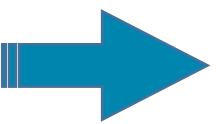


Other Support:



LIFE ÁGUEDA | OBJECTIVE

Elimination of hydro-morphological pressures



Reestablishment of conditions for a **Good Ecological Status** (WFD; RBMP).



➤ Proposed solutions and key actions:

- **Integration of demonstrative solutions for re-naturalizing river morphology**
- **Recreational and commercial fisheries management**
 - Nature-like fish passages;
- **Stakeholders' engagement and compatibility of ecosystem uses**
 - Removal of river barriers and re-naturalization of the riverbed ;
 - Translocation program of juvenile European eels ;
 - Riparian habitat restoration.



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Sea lamprey,
Petromyzon marinus

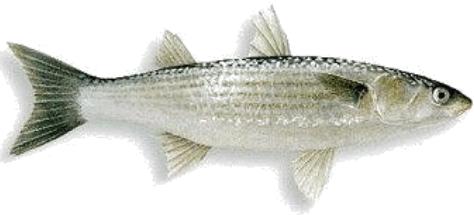


Allis shad, *Alosa alosa*



Sea trout, *Salmo trutta*

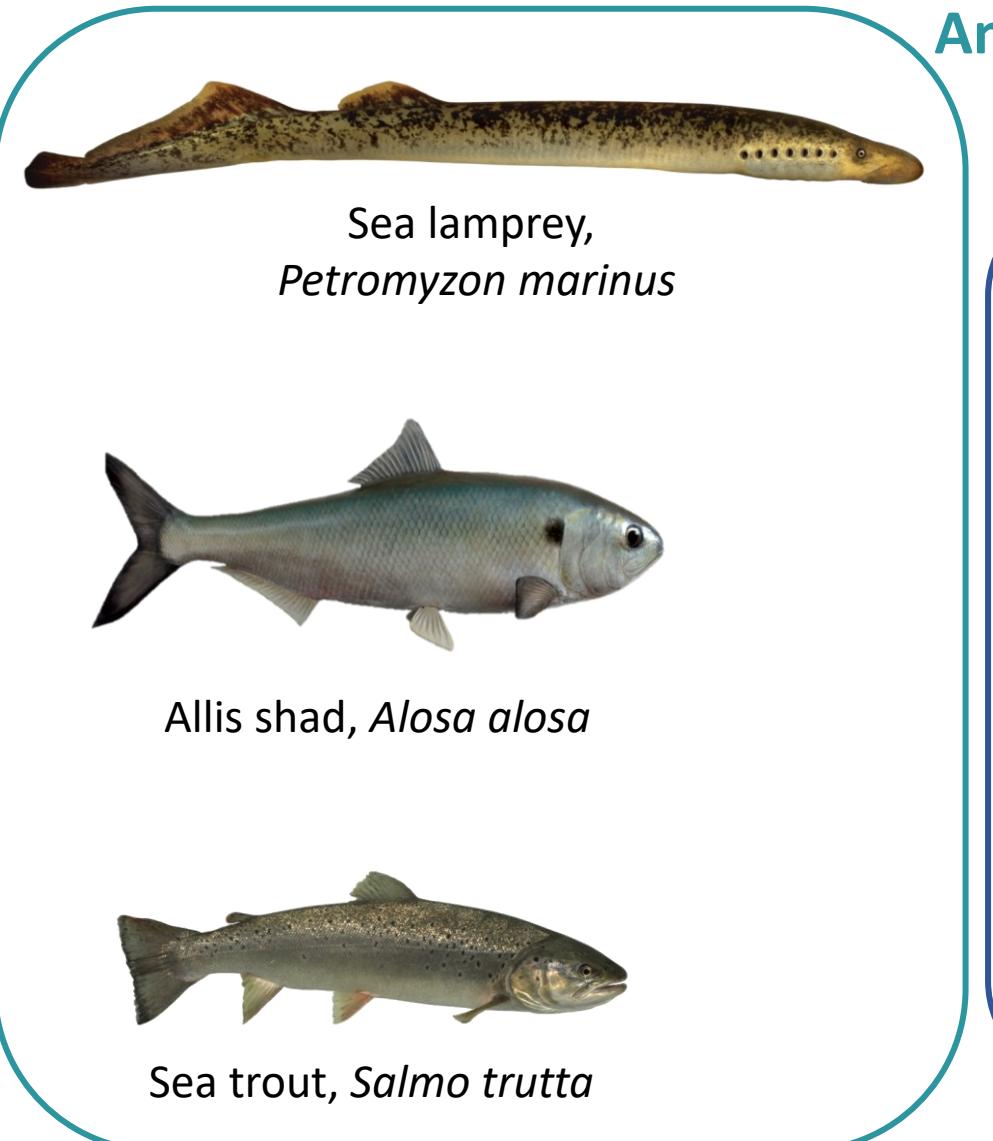
Anadromous



Thin lipped grey mullet,
Chelon ramada



European eel,
Anguilla anguilla



Catadromous

Potamodromous

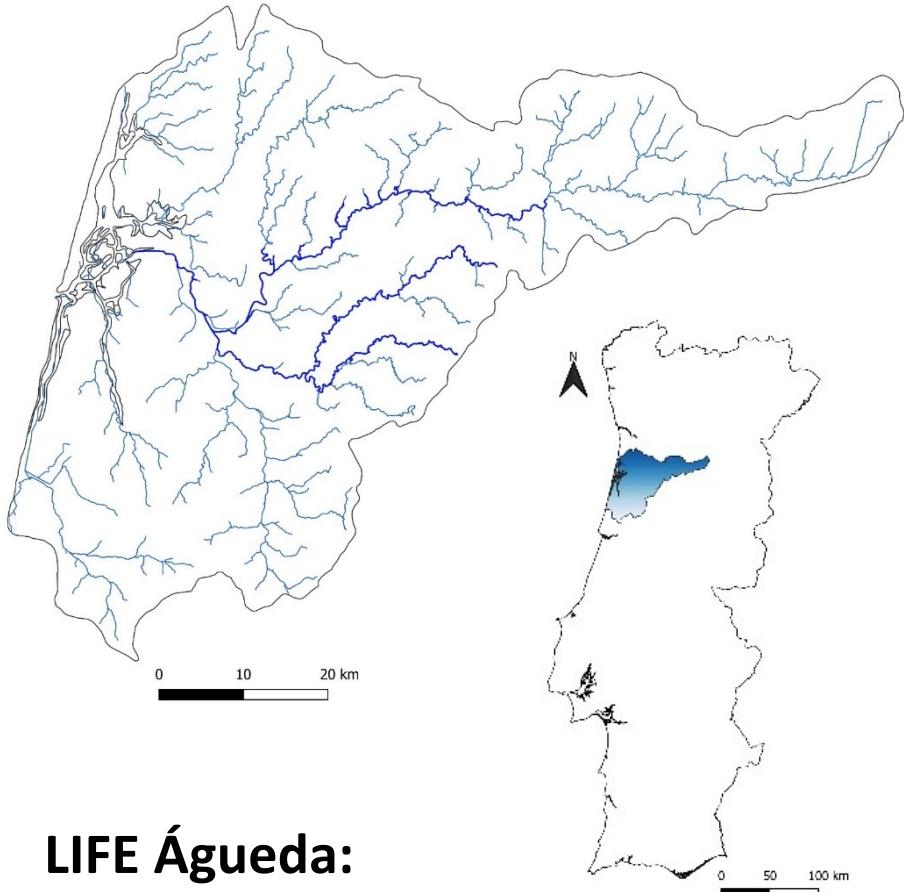


Barbel,
Luciobarbus bocagei



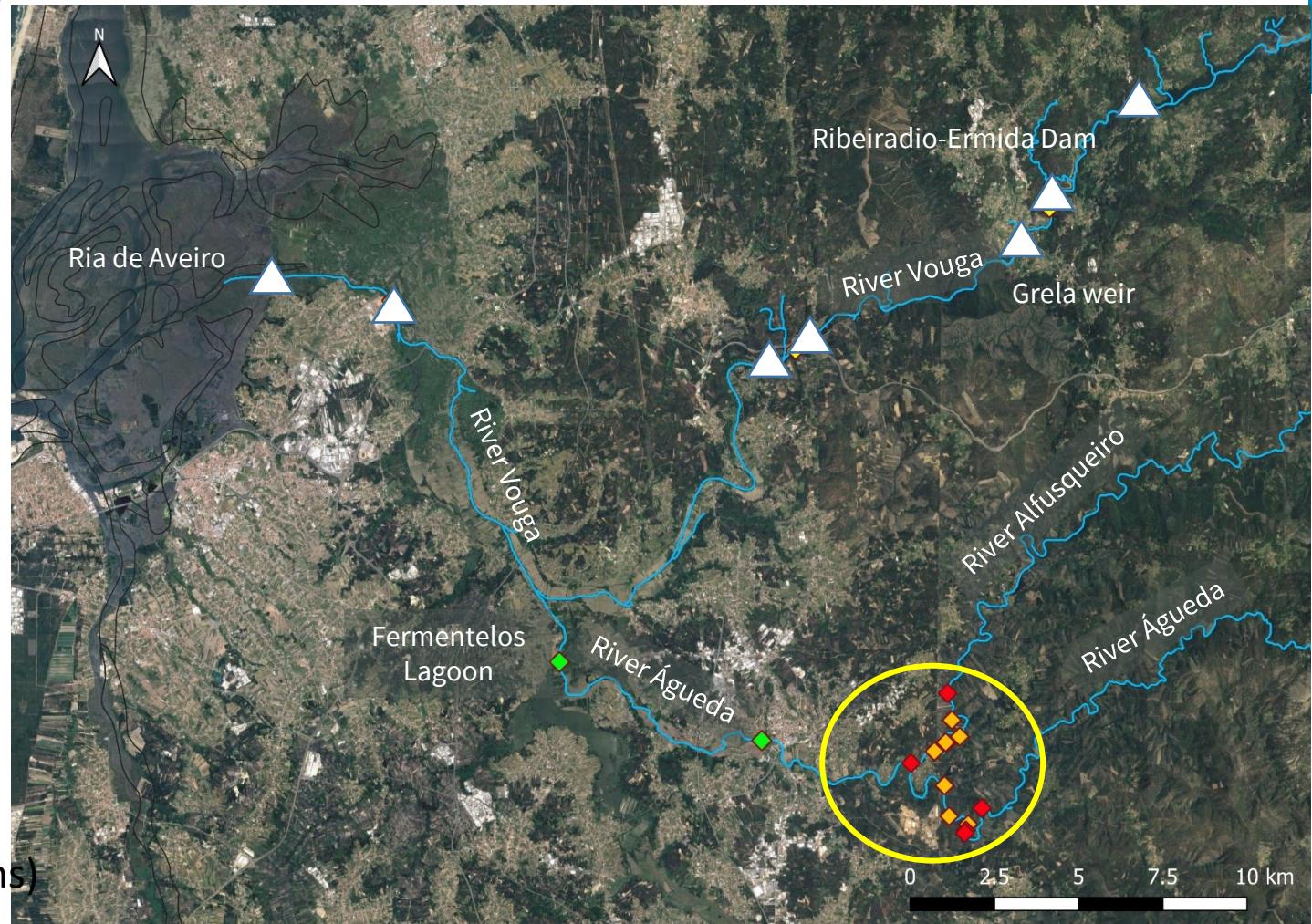
Nase,
Pseudochondrostoma polylepis

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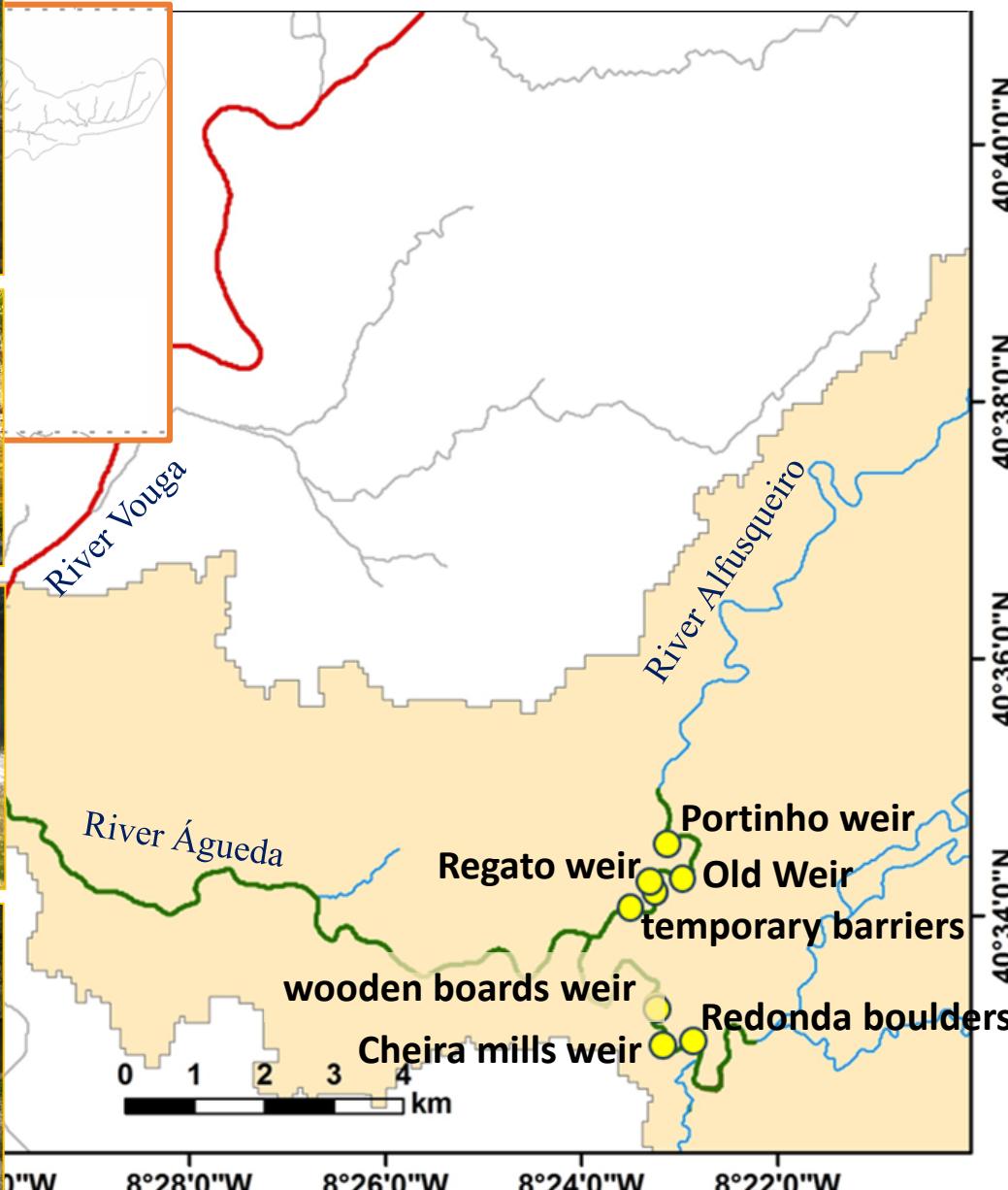
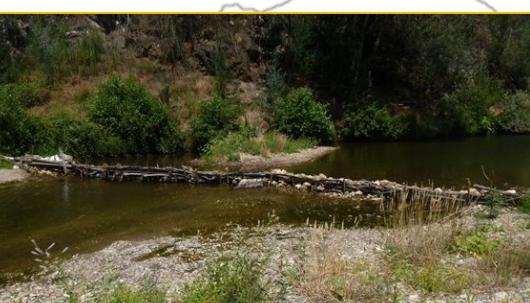


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- ◆ - Type I (Fish pass devices)
- ◆ - Type II (Removals or structural adaptations)
- ◆ - Type III (Management plan)

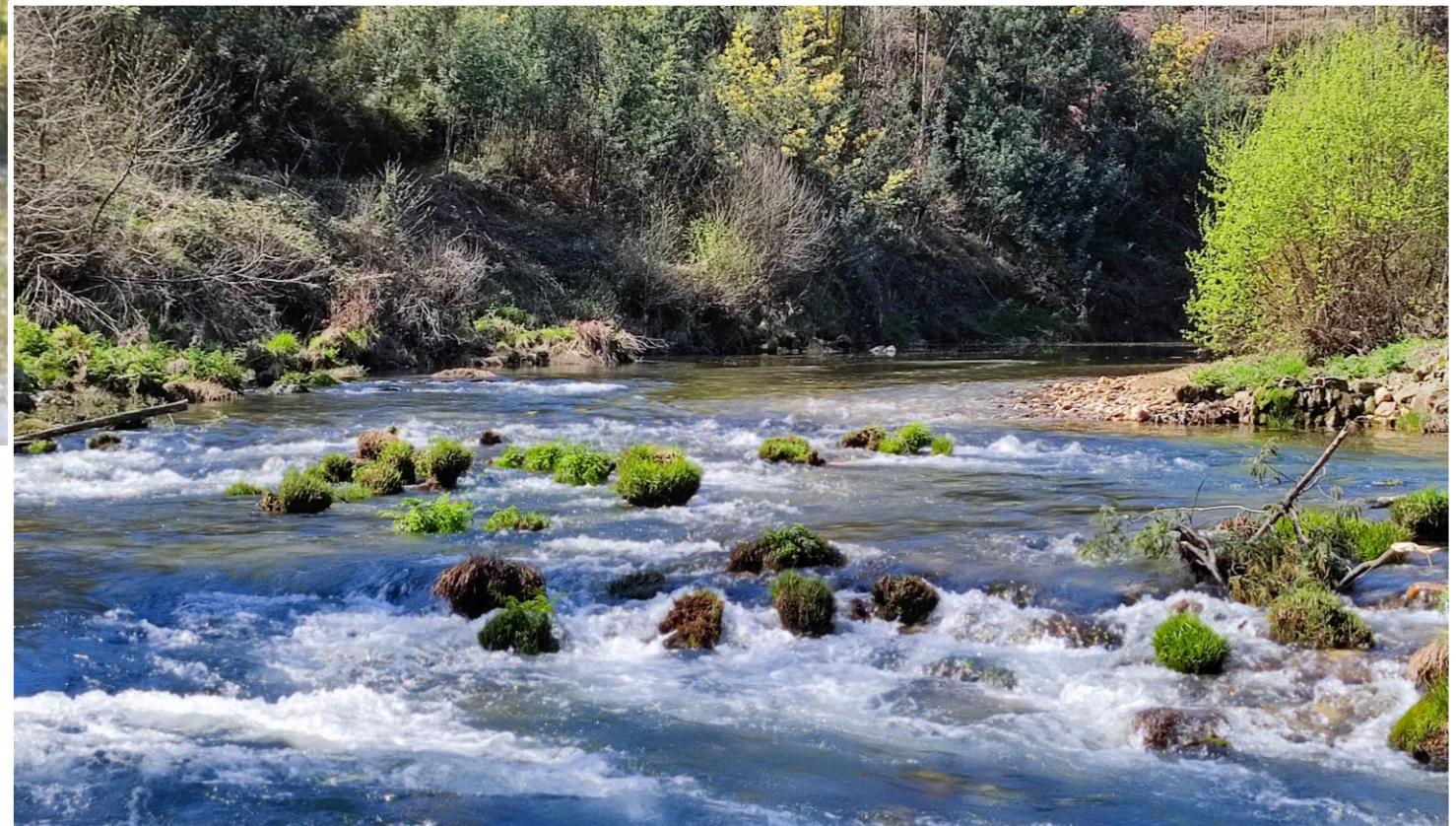


LIFE ÁGUEDA | IDENTIFICATION OF BARRIERS TO FISH MIGRATION: REMOVALS





Regato weir
River Alfusqueiro





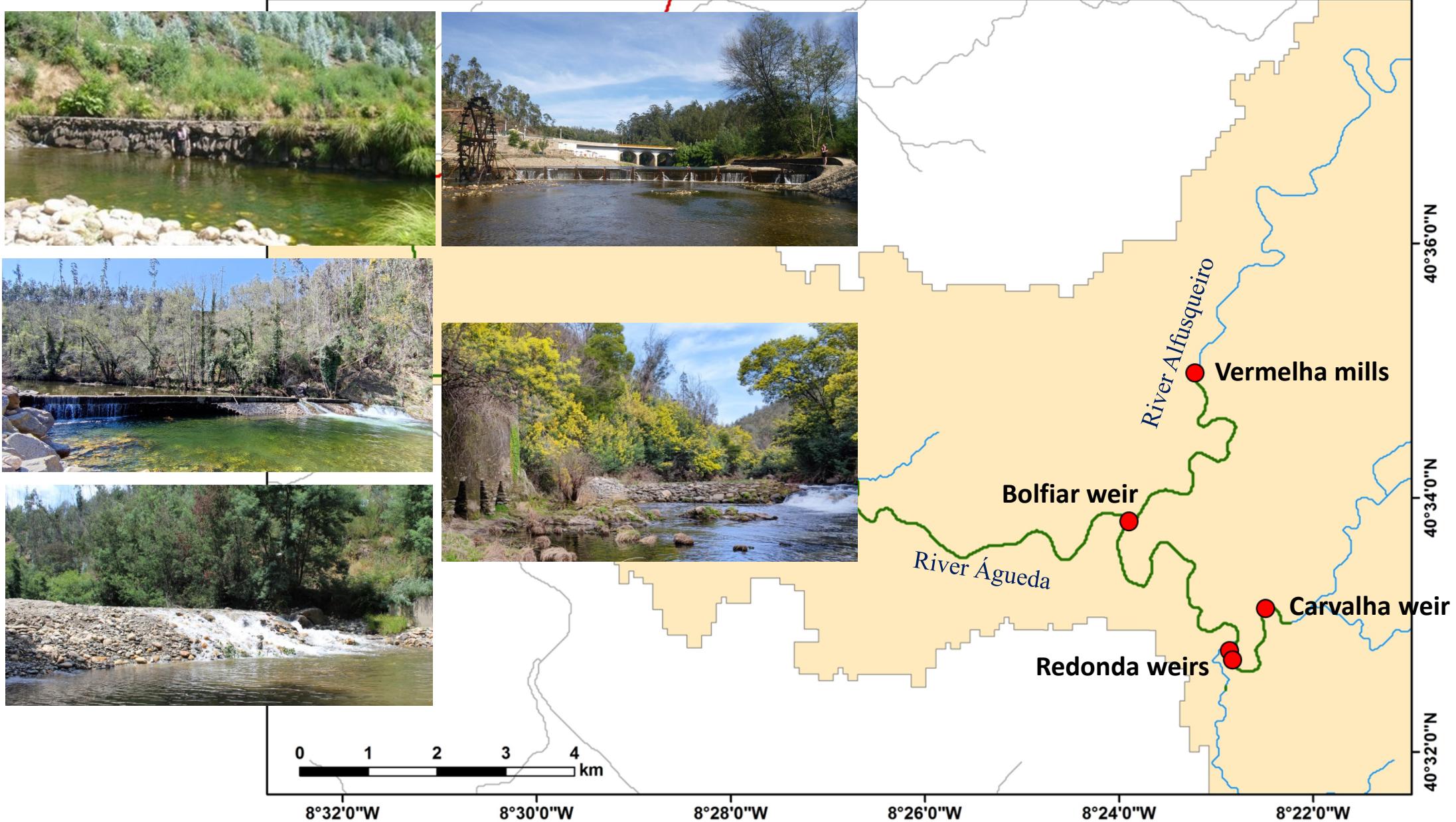
Old Weir ("Presa Velha")
River Alfusqueiro





Cheira mills weir
River Águeda

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Vermelha mills weir
River Alfusqueiro





Redonda weir (downstream)

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Bolfiar weir
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Carvalha weir

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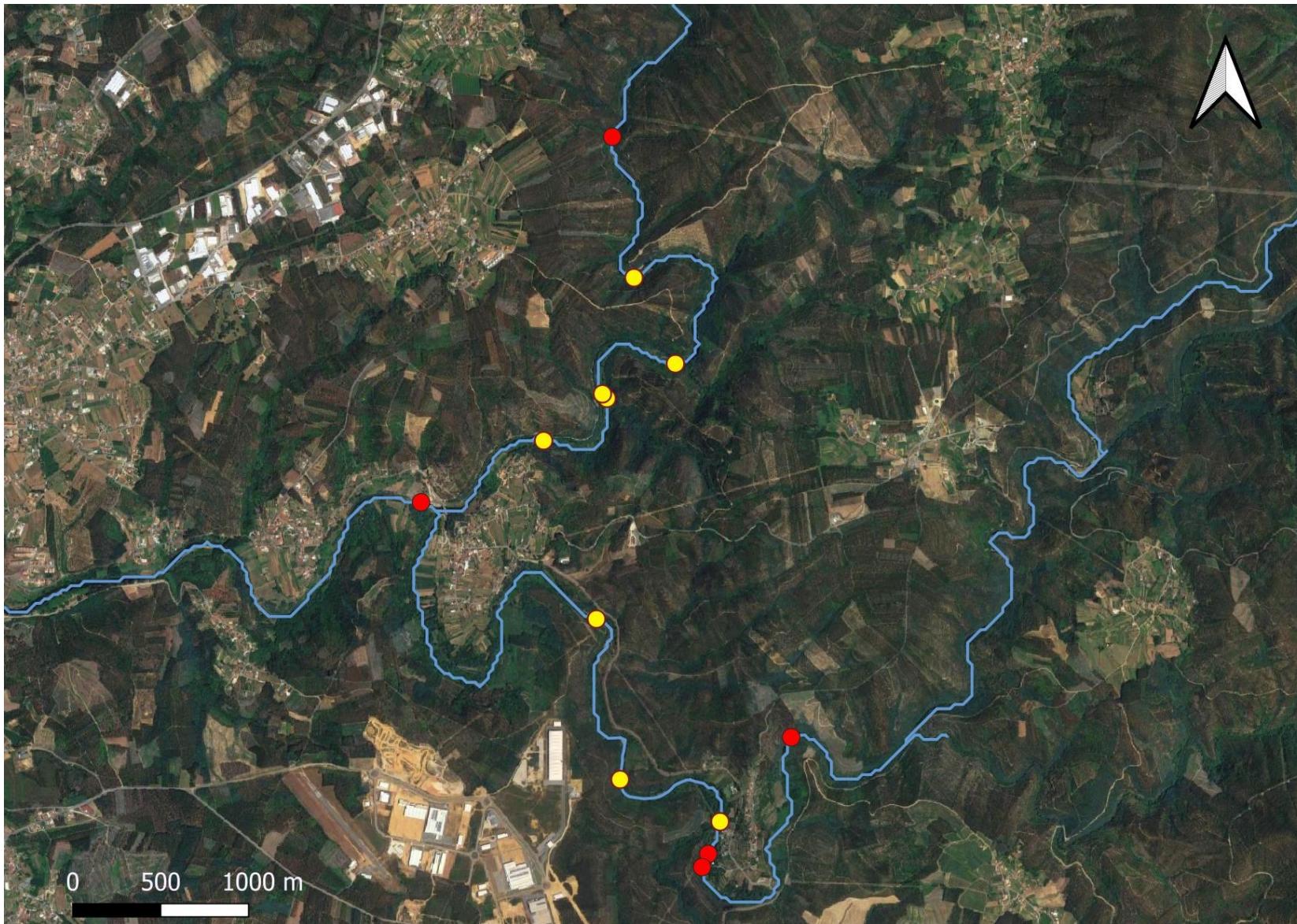
Redonda weir (upstream)
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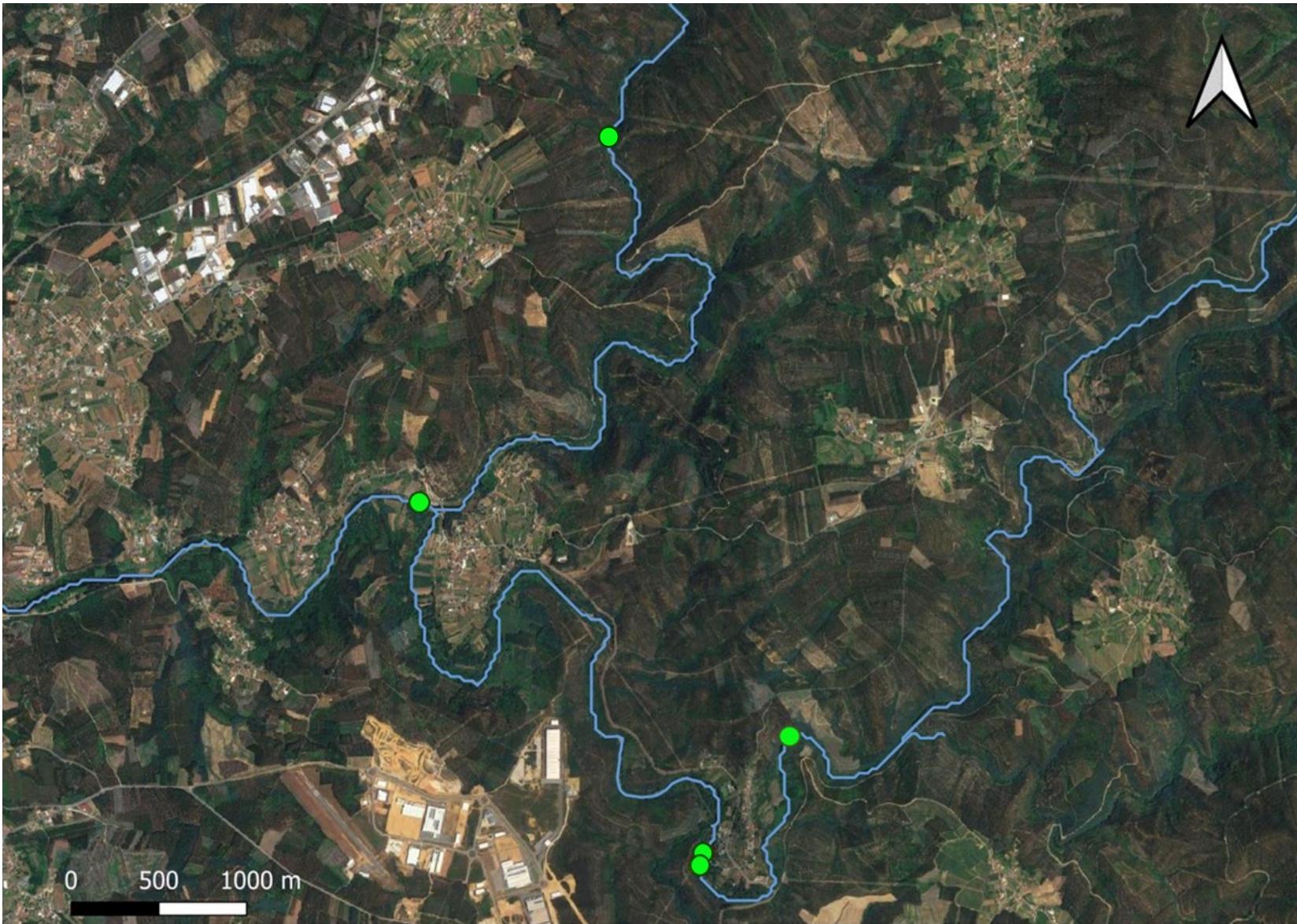




Unforeseen users

LIFE ÁGUEDA | HOW WE STARTED







INNOVATIVE AND INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS TO MITIGATE HYDROMORPHOLOGICAL PRESSURES AND ENHANCE ECOLOGICAL STATUS IN THE LIMA AND VOUGA BASINS

Leading partner:



Technical support:



Beneficiary partners:



Develop innovative and integrated solutions to mitigate hydromorphological pressures previously identified in RBMPs and enhance local and regional ecological status

- ✓ **8 BENEFICIARY PARTNERS**
- ✓ **10 ASSOCIATED PARTNERS**
- ✓ **+30 SUPPORTING ENTITIES**

TOTAL BUDGET PROPOSED: € 9 636 574.52

REQUESTED EU CONTRIBUTION (60%): € 5 781 944.71

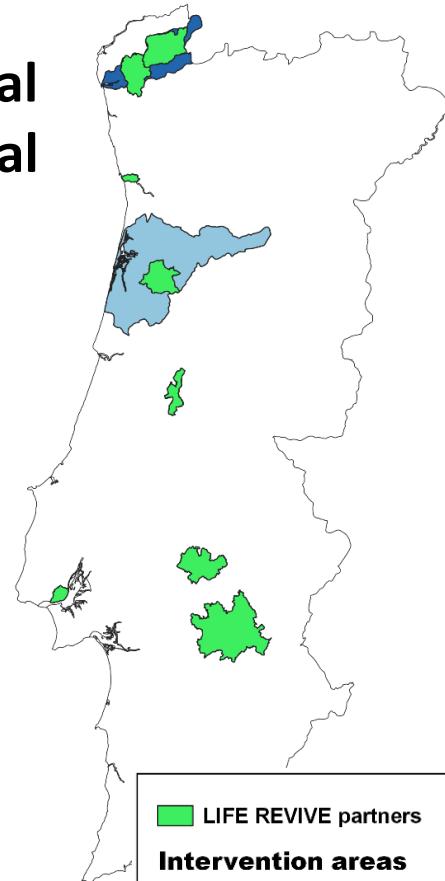
1. RESTORATION OF RIVER CONNECTIVITY



2. CONTROL OF AQUATIC IAS



3. RESTOCKING/TRANSLOCATION INDICATOR SPECIES



Leading partner:



Technical support:



Other beneficiary partners:





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Thank you!



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