



Cork façades: Performance, environmental quality and public perception

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Main points

- Cork in architecture (Alvaro Siza Vieira archives); ٠
- Cork in the construction industry (cork applied to façades); ٠
- Research and performance of cork products in variable weather conditions. ٠

Motivation

- Growing interest ٠
- Few studies on aging and effects of climatic phenomena ٠















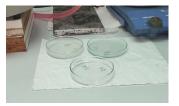


Ecocabana, Cascais, 2023.



Exposed samples (Outdoor weathering

& Soil).



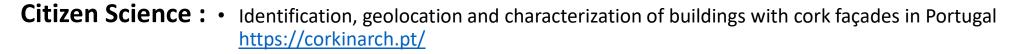
Resíduos placas de petri (Sol/Solo/Contr.).



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Specific objectives





Citizen science, Website CorkinArch.



Pavilion of Portugal, Hannover, Expo 2000.



Community surveys, Coimbra, 18/03/2023.

Surveys:

- Community street survey (completed)
- Professional survey (in progress)
- Lab. Analysis:
- Colour
- Chemical composition analysis
- Cellular analysis













Cork performance analysis, CEF, 2023.

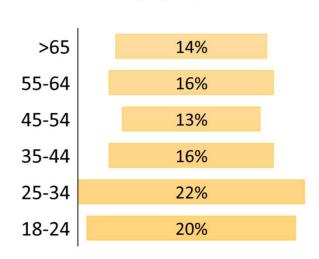


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Total inquired : 237



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Age group

Gender	
Men	128
Women	108
N/A	1

Relation to the location of the survey



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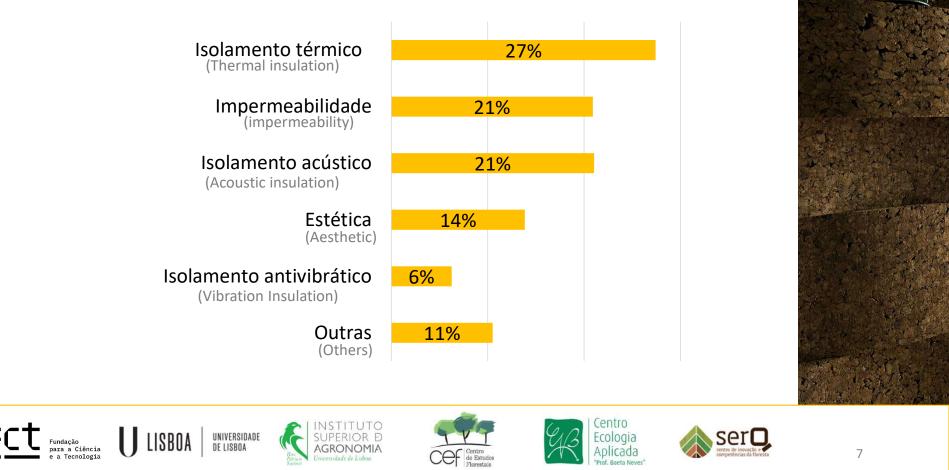


Materials most used for cladding façades building in Portugal





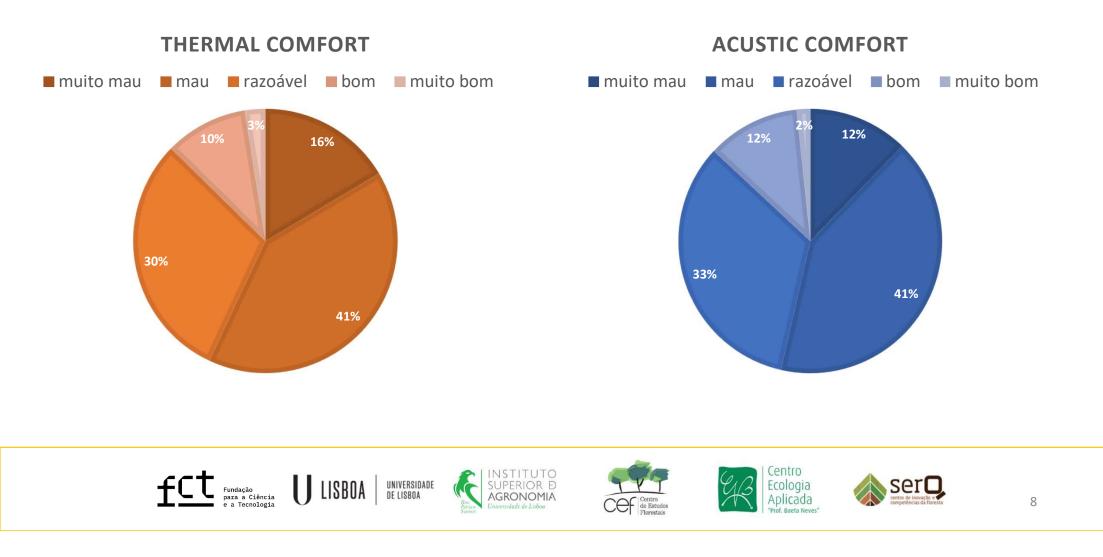
The most important characteristics for a façade



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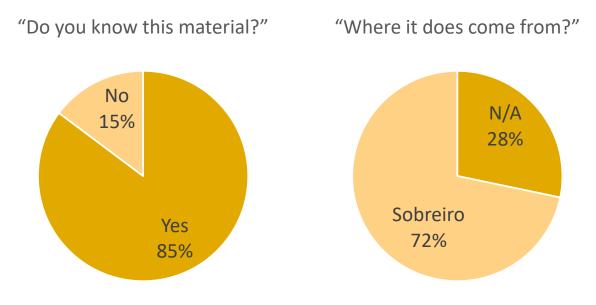








Cork knowledge





Cork Oak tree

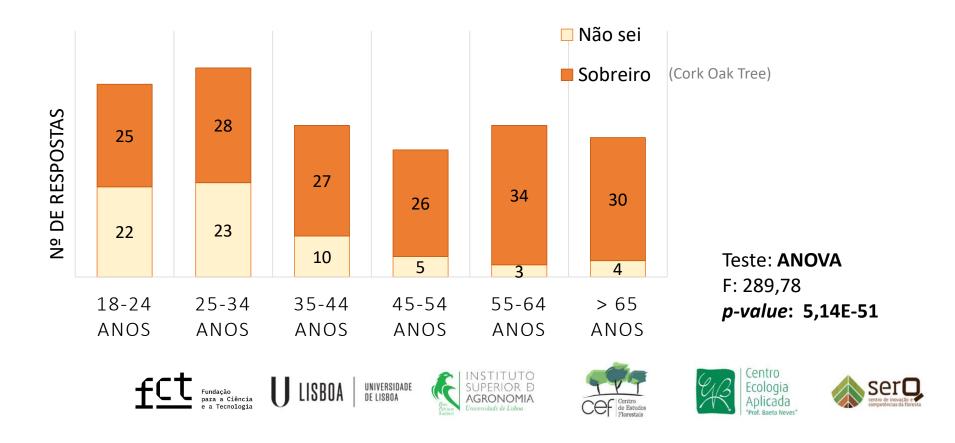






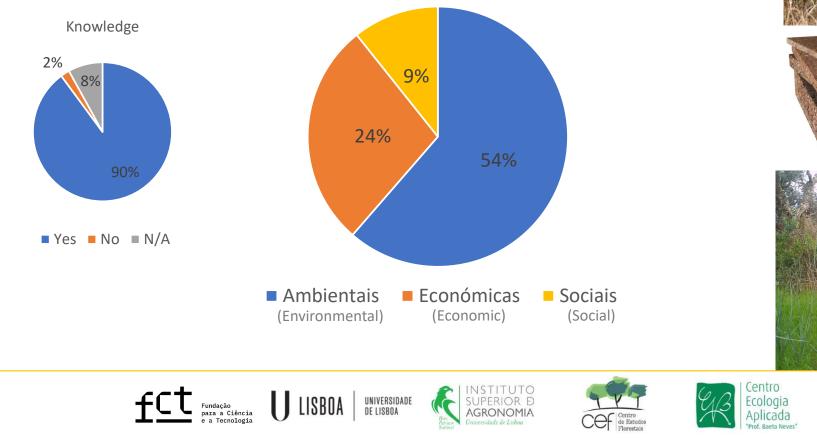


Relation between the age group of respondents and their knowledge of the cork-producing species





Characteristics that make cork a sustainable material





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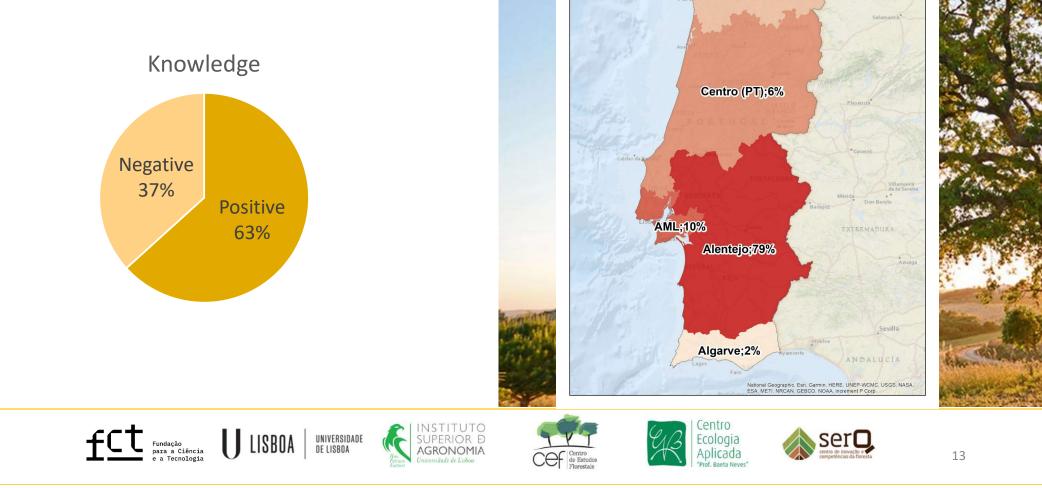


"Do you consider that cork could be used in construction?"





Location of Cork forests in Portugal

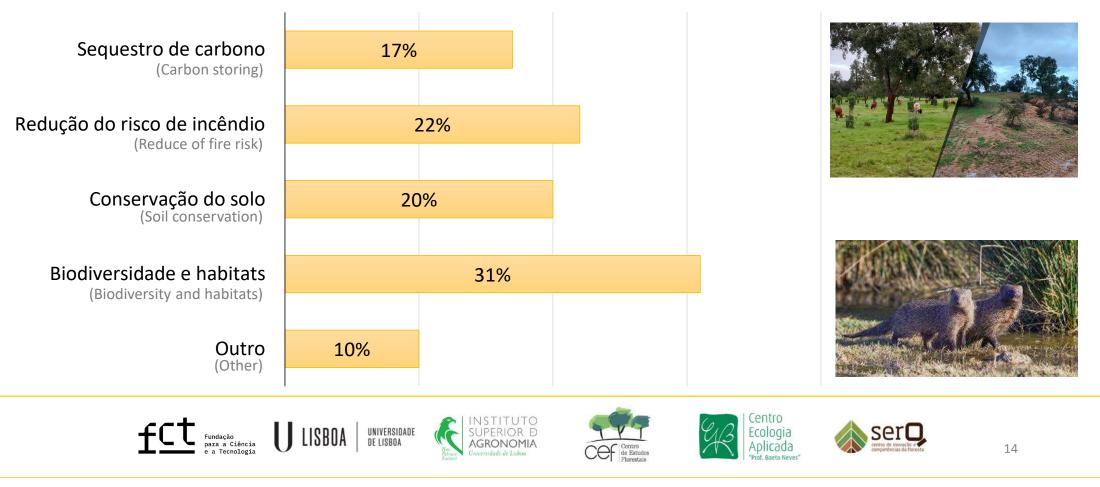


Norte;3%





The environmental importance of cork forests





Other applications for cork

<mark>3</mark>% indústria de transporte (Transports industry) vestuário e acessórios 46% (clothing and accessories) construçao civil (Construction) 7% indústria vinícola 23% (Wine industry) <mark>3</mark>% cosmético e bem-estar (cosmetics & wellness) casa e decoração 19% (Home and decoration)









Preliminary conclusions

- The need to improve the thermal and acoustic capacity of houses in Portugal;
- Cork has been mentioned a few times as a material commonly used as a raw material for façades, but it is little known for this purpose;
- The public does not associate cork with a socially sustainable material;
- The public is receptive to the use of cork as a façade material.

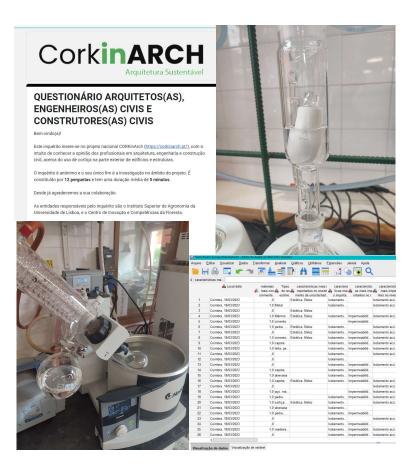




In progress

- Surveys for professionals;
- Laboratory analysis;
- Data analysis.











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Thank you

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