

### Learning Area

### Sítio de Monfurado, Portugal

### MONTADO INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT

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### The message

**Innovation** has good conditions to emerge when different knowledge, perspectives and skills are combined in a process where actors involved **feel empowered**.

Researchers took the lead as **initiators of the innovation process**, but the result-based program for the Montado has, step-by-step, been **appropriated** by farmers and administration.

**Competitive research funding** is a supporting mechanism, but **long term investment** is a pre-condition for the co-construction of a **result-based program for the Montado**.

### The Sítio de Monfurado portrait



Main economic activities: cork and animal production



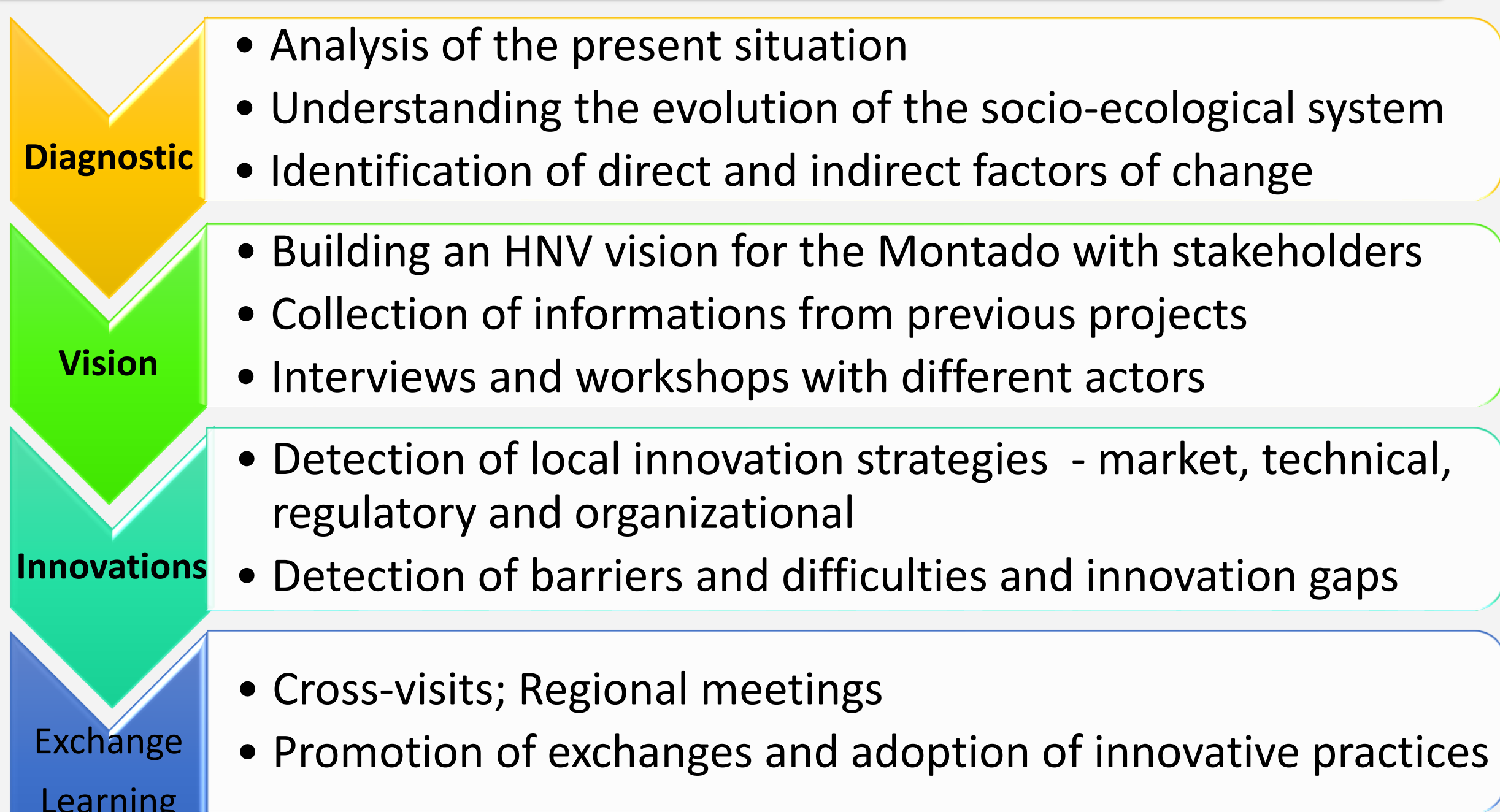
High diversity of habitats and species of high conservation interest



Hunting, tourism and other leisure activities

The Montado is a human shaped ecosystem with an open tree cover mostly composed of *Quercus rotundifolia* and *Q. suber*. The trees, pasture and livestock embody a unique silvopastoral ecosystem.

### Methodological multiactor approach



### Partners:



### Overcoming challenges

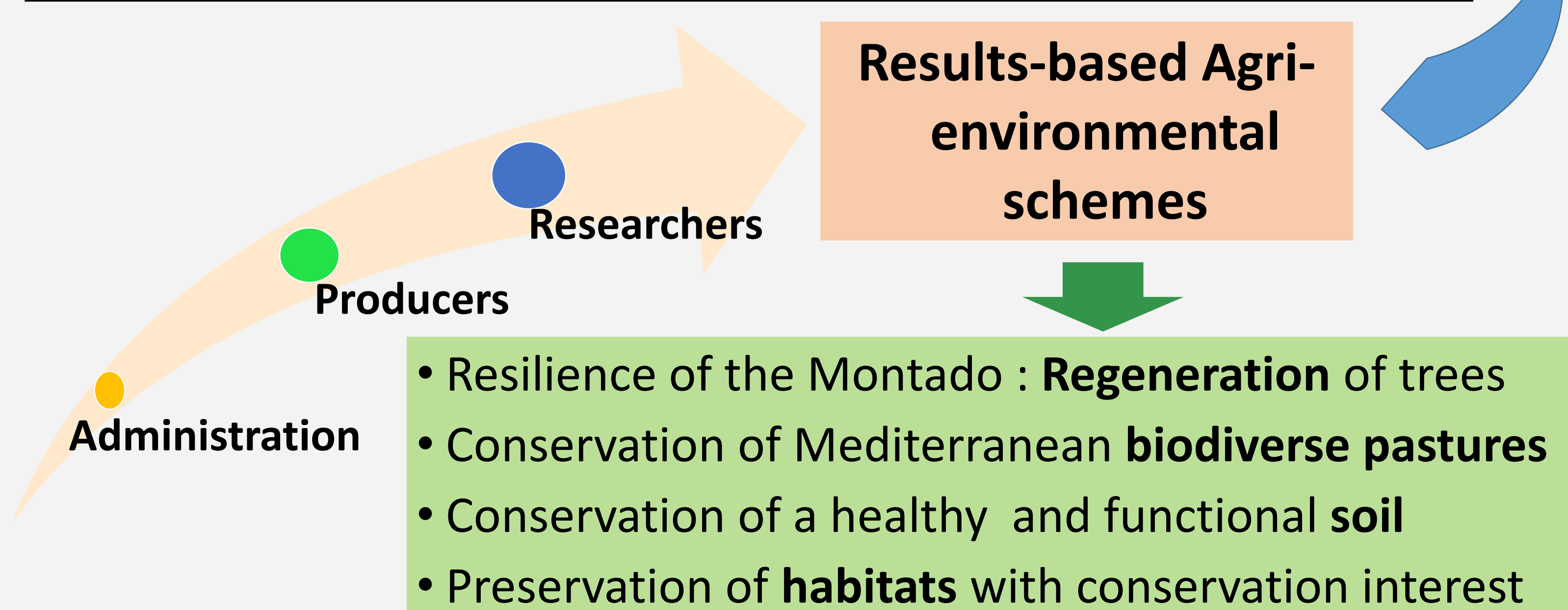
Low soil fertility	Low regeneration: Lack of new oak trees
Undifferentiated products	Resistance to multifunctionality
Dominant regime: productivism and specialization	Lack of investment on new management practices



### Priority innovation gaps identified

HNV-Link and the UEvora initiative *Tertulia do Montado*, established the frame for the co-construction process.

Innovation gaps	Possible approach
1. Soil management to restore and gain fertility	Training and capacity building Agronomic advise
2. Promotion of oak recruitment protection of regeneration	Use of tree protectors
3. Promotion of the unique HNV Montado system and its products	Create a territorial and/or an HNV Montado brand



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