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VOLUNTEER WITH MONTIS

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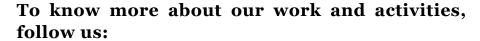


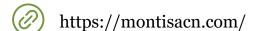
INFO - ORGANISATION



MONTIS - Associação para a Gestão e Conservação da Natureza, is a Portuguese non-profit organisation dedicated to nature conservation. It is based in Vouzela (in the district of Viseu) and was created in 2014. The association mission is to promote biodiversity through sustainable management of natural heritage, engaging, transparent and open to all.

The association's activities focus on the active management of land that it owns, as well as land it manages through agreements with private or public owners, which currently covers around 313 ha, mostly in the center of the country (Vouzela, São Pedro do Sul, Arouca, Pampilhosa da Serra and Covilhã). We manage abandoned marginal land, by supporting or restoring key natural processes, namely contributing to increase the value of biodiversity and fire resilience, involving communities through short term and long term volunteering.





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PROJECT "GIVING NATURE A HAND"

Volunteers will be involved in different nature conservation tasks for ecological restoration of forest areas. The main tasks will include: **support of natural regeneration** by prunning of trees to enhance their growth, **natural engineering techniques** to prevent soil erosion and support of waterlines, **plantation** of native species, maintenance of paths and clearings, **control of invasive species**, among other tasks.



Check out the full calendar **HERE**

The volunteers will also be engaging with the **activities planned** by the association for the time they will be with us, such as activities for the community, schools, companies, international work camps, bioblitzs, biodiversity walks and more.

It will be beneficial if volunteers are interested in engaging with our **social media** to share the work they will be doing to our community.







CONDITIONS



To participate in the project, volunteers must:

- Be between 18 and 30 years old
- · Be physically fit
- Have motivation to participate in a nature conservation project
- Have respect for others and the values of the European Solidarity Corps
- Have willingness to acquire or develop language skills, especially English and Portuguese

WHAT WE OFFER

MONTIS has a quality label as **host organisation only**. Therefore, ideally the volunteers should have a sending organisation that can help support the expenses.

- Accommodation

- Support finding accommodation
- Expenses support to be discussed

- Pocket Money

• To be discussed

- Food Support

• To be discussed

- Insurance

- Certificate of participation
- 2 days per month as holidays
- Around 30 hours per week of volunteer work
- Training from MONTIS technicians



MONTIS has around 313 ha of land under management in Portugal, the volunteer will be working on different areas depending on the time of the volunteering period and ecological needs for each area. The association office is in **Vouzela**. Some areas where we will be working:



Costa Bacelo (Arouca)

- Total area: 23.9 ha
- Natura 2000 (SAC Rio Paiva, PTCON0059), wolf territory
- Partially burned in 2024
- Abundant natural regeneration and mature oaks preserved
- Control invasive species, support natural regeneration, maintain accesses

Vieiro (São Pedro do Sul)

- Total area: 25.9 ha
- Natura 2000 (SAC Serras da Freita e Arada, PTCON0047), wolf territory
- Burned in 2024
- Abundant natural regeneration of cork oaks and oaks
- Control invasive species, plant native species, support natural regeneration after the fire





Baldio de Carvalhais (São Pedro do Sul)

- Total area: 100 ha
- Natura 2000 (SAC Serras da Freita e Arada, PTCON0047), wolf territory
- Mountain habitat where the forest has been replaced by brooms due to lack of management and absence of forest fires
- Plant native species, support natural regeneration, maintain accesses

Cerdeirinha (São Pedro do Sul)

- Total area: 2.6 ha
- Burned in 2017
- Strong natural regeneration of cork oaks and oaks, now with a good canopy
- Support natural regeneration, plant native species, maintain accesses





Carvalhal de Vermilhas (Vouzela)

- Total area: 5.5 ha
- Vouga-Caramulo Local Natural Park, Caramulo mountain
- · Acquired through crowdfunding
- Oak grove regenerating after the 2017 fire
- Support natural regeneration, plant native species, maintain accesses



Covais Pequenos (Covilhã)

- Total area: 35.9 ha
- Serra da Estrela Natural Park & Natura 2000
- Managed by MONTIS since Jan 2023
- Focus on native woodland restoration
- Control invasive species, plant native species

Covais (Covilhã)

- Total area: 205 ha (MONTIS manages riparian zones and upper slopes, around 22.7 ha)
- Serra da Estrela Natural Park & Natura 2000
- Managed by MONTIS since Jan 2023
- Restoration of riparian forests with native trees
- Control invasive species, plant native species





Santa Margarida (Covilhã)

- Total area: 27.2 ha
- Managed by MONTIS since Jan 2023
- Focus on control of invasive species and forest recovery
- Control invasive species, plant native species



Covões (Pampilhosa da Serra)

- Total area: 2.6 ha
- · Acquired through crowdfunding
- Eucalyptus forest conversion to native forest
- Plant native species, support natural regeneration

Barroco Frio (Pampilhosa da Serra)

- Total area: 2.3 ha
- Acquired through crowdfunding
- Previously occupied by eucalyptus, now restored with native species
- Plant native species, support natural regeneration





Penedo Alto (Pampilhosa da Serra)

- Total area: 2.3 ha
- Acquired through crowdfunding
- Mediterranean shrubland with potential for deciduous forest recovery, affected by pine spread
- Manage pine growth and support habitat regeneration

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How to apply?

Email us at montisacn@gmail.com, expressing your interest in volunteering with us, with a CV and motivation letter attached.

