

## INT-FSC-STD-PRT-01-2016\_01

**Normative reference** FSC-STD-PRT-01-2016 V1-1 EN The FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Portugal  
Indicator 6.5.1, 6.5.2 and 6.5.3

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1. According to Indicator 6.5.1 of the <FSC-STD-PRT-01-1-2016, The FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Portugal>, native ecosystems that exist or would exist under natural conditions within the Management Unit (MU) shall be identified using the best available information. The areas of native ecosystems shall be protected to be compliant with Indicator 6.5.2 of the <FSC-STD-PRT-01-1-2016, The FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Portugal>, and those areas are not required to be restored to more natural conditions. Restoration according to Indicator 6.5.3 of the <FSC-STD-PRT-01-1-2016, The FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Portugal> is required if representative sample areas do not exist or where existing sample areas inadequately represent native ecosystems
  - a. does Montado area, which is representative of Natura 2000 Habitat 6310 ‘Montados with evergreen *Quercus* spp.’ qualify to be included as representative area of a native ecosystem and therefore needs to be protected as per Indicator
    - 1.a. Yes, Montado areas that have the characteristics of Natura 2000 Habitat 6310 “Montados with evergreen *Quercus* spp.”, are eligible to be included as a representative area of a native ecosystem as they qualify as native ecosystems according to the definition in <FSC-STD-01-001 Principles and Criteria>.
    - 1.b. Where the representative samples of native ecosystems (e.g. Natura 2000 Habitat 6310 ‘Montados with evergreen *Quercus* spp’, Natura 2000 Habitat 9330 ‘*Quercus suber* forests’, or others) identified in the assessment as per Indicator 6.5.1 of the <FSC-STD-PRT-01-1-2016, The FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Portugal> do not exist or are insufficient, then there is need to conduct restoration to more natural conditions as per Indicator 6.5.3 of the <FSC-STD-PRT-01-1-2016, The FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Portugal>.
  2. The intention of Indicator 6.5.3 of the <FSC-STD-PRT-01-1-2016, The FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Portugal> is to restore the area to a more natural condition. This does not imply the recreation of any particular previous, pre-historic, pre-industrial or other pre-existing ecosystem.

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- 6.5.2 of the <FSC-STD-PRT-01-1-2016, The FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Portugal>? Or
- b. Does the area need to be restored to more natural conditions e.g. Natura 2000 Habitat 9330 '*Quercus suber* forests') as per Indicator 6.5.3 of the <FSC-STD-PRT-01-1-2016, The FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Portugal>?
2. In cases where a proportion of the MU must be restored to more natural conditions, what does restoration to more natural conditions mean as per Indicator 6.5.3 of the <FSC-STD-PRT-01-1-2016, The FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Portugal>?