

A Network of Agronatural farms in Menorca



*Environmental conservation of private land
by means of
Responsible farm management*



A mosaic of the countryside: a key to conservation.
The basis on which Menorca is declared a “Reserve of the Biosphere”

Nature and human beings, an ancient coexistence.



UNCHANGED
LANDSCAPE

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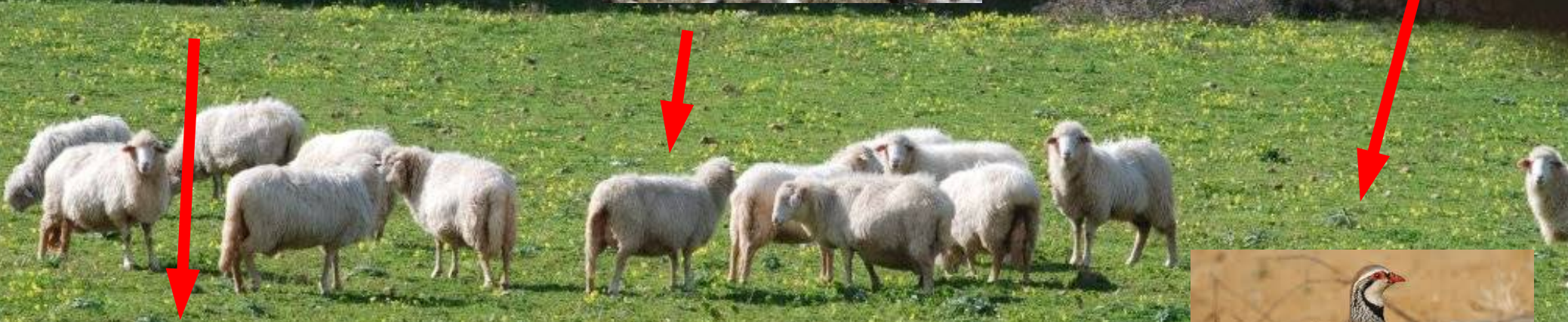
PEOPLE
(+ 4.000 years)

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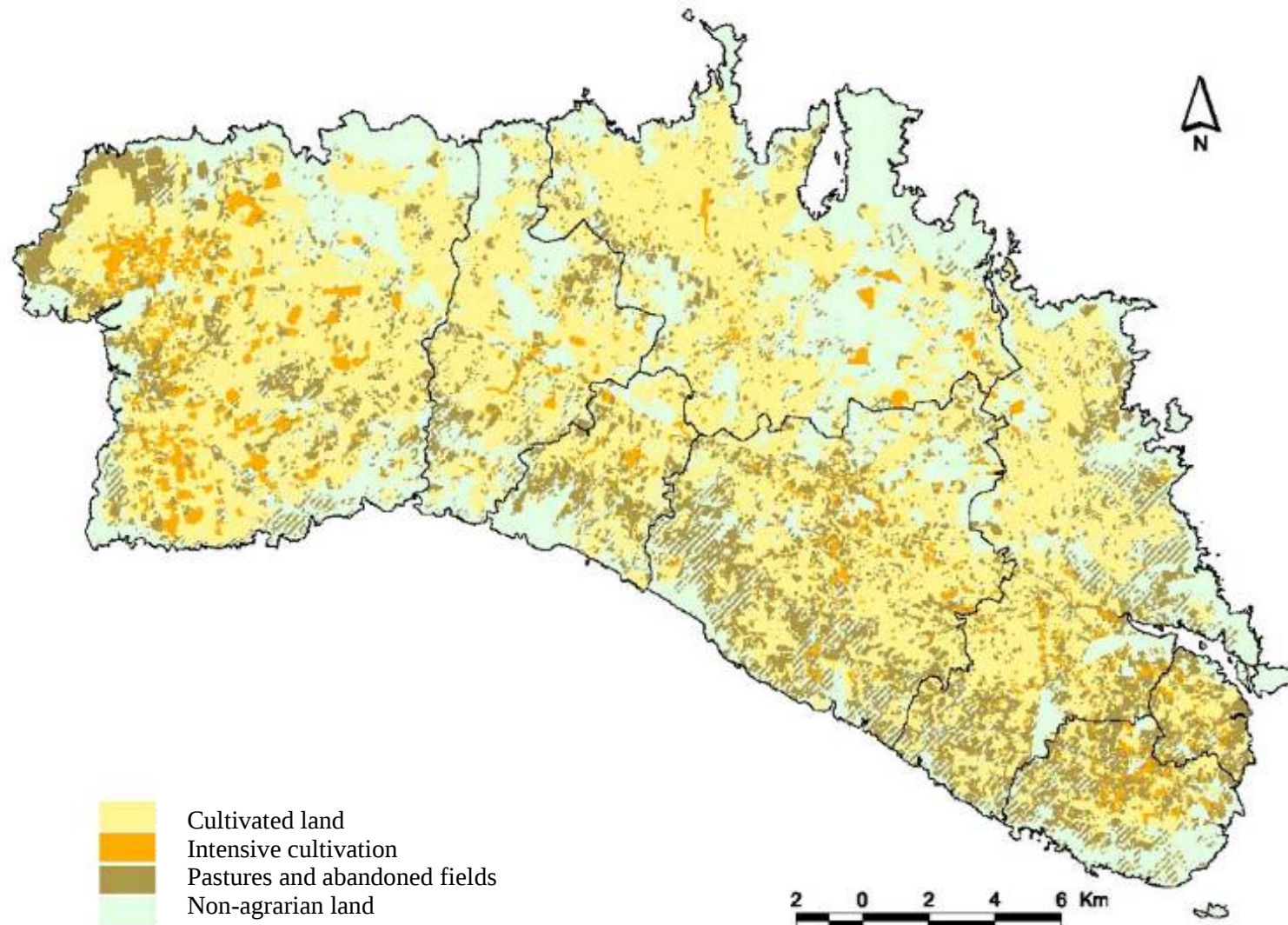


MEDITERRANEAN
COUNTRYSIDE
(nature + culture)

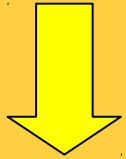
Responsible farming is vital for many Mediterranean species



Between 70 % and 80 % of the surface of Menorca is managed by the farming sector



**ABANDONED
FARM LAND**

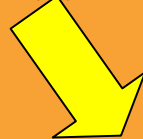


**HOMOGENOUS
ECOSYSTEM**

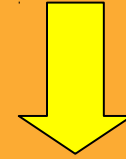
**URBAN
SPECULATION**

INFRASTRUCTURES

WASTE DUMPING...



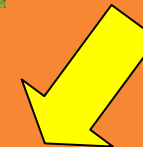
**INTENSIVE
FARMING**



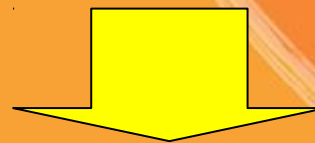
**DRAINING OF
AQUIFERS**

**CHEMICAL
CONTAMINATION**

**TRIVIALIZATION OF
THE COUNTRYSIDE**



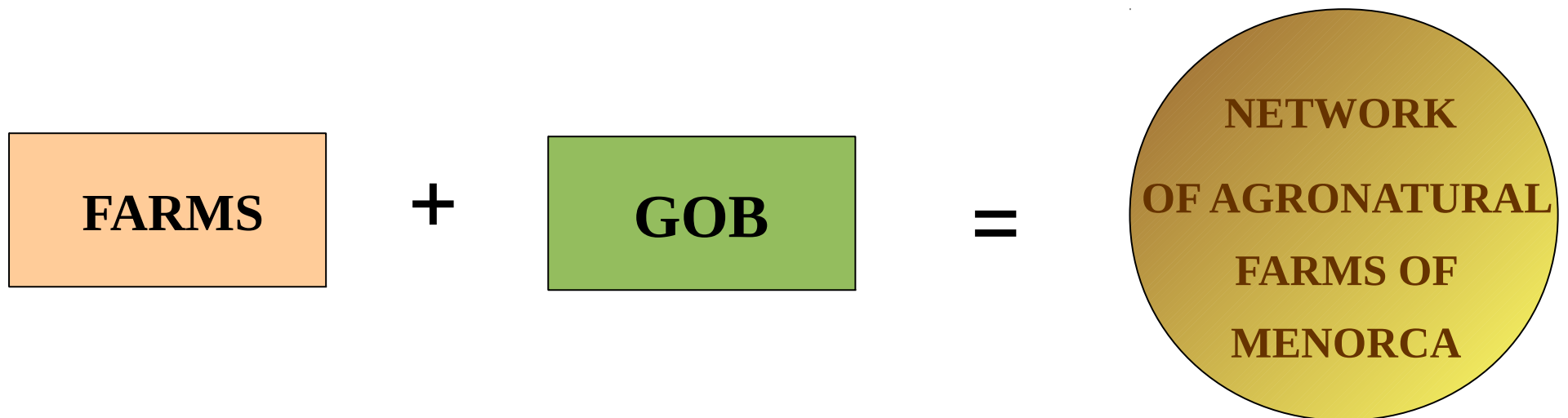
THE LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY



The need for a model of sustainable farming

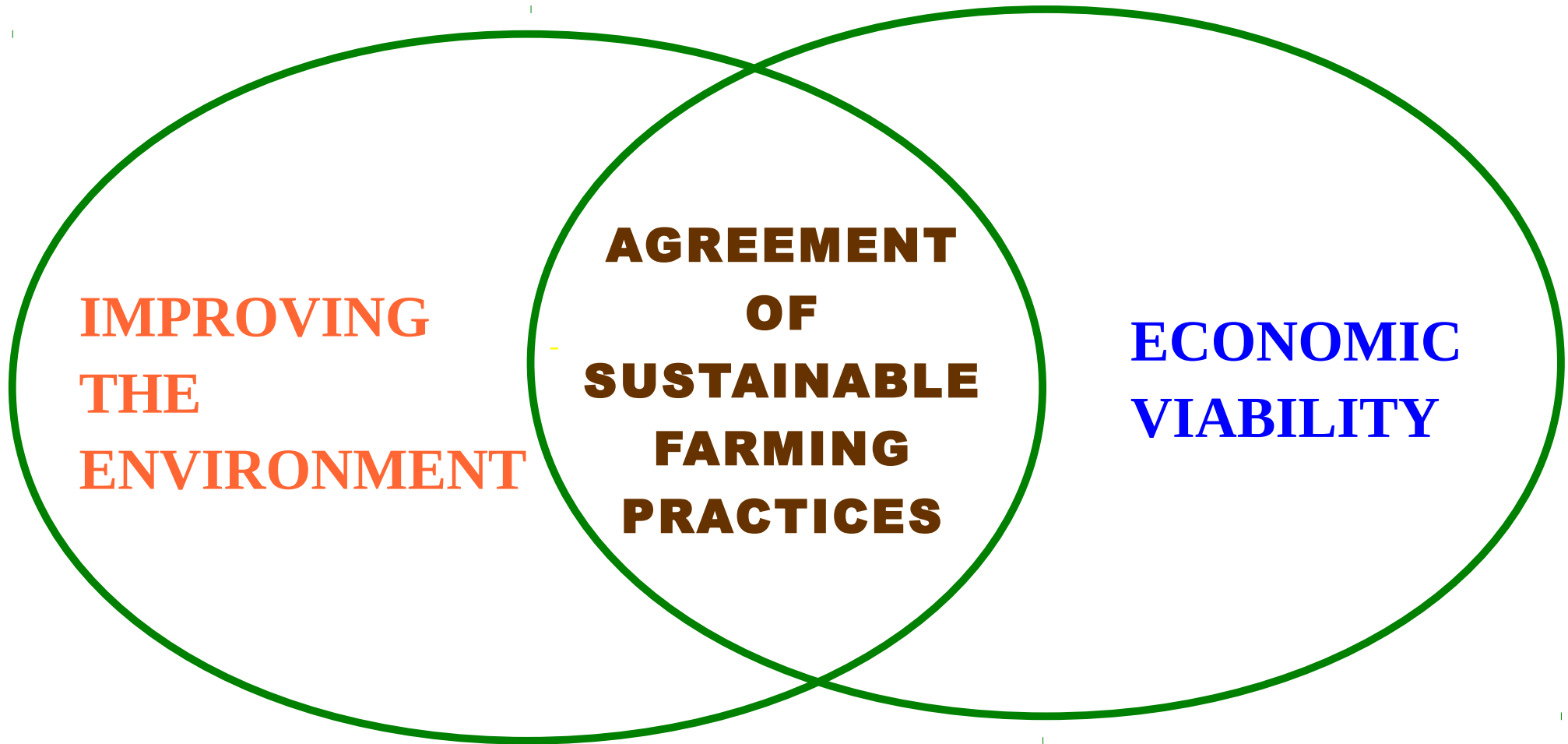
AN AGREEMENT OF SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES

An initiative between private bodies for the environmental conservation of Menorca and for the sustainability of the farming sector.



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A voluntary commitment



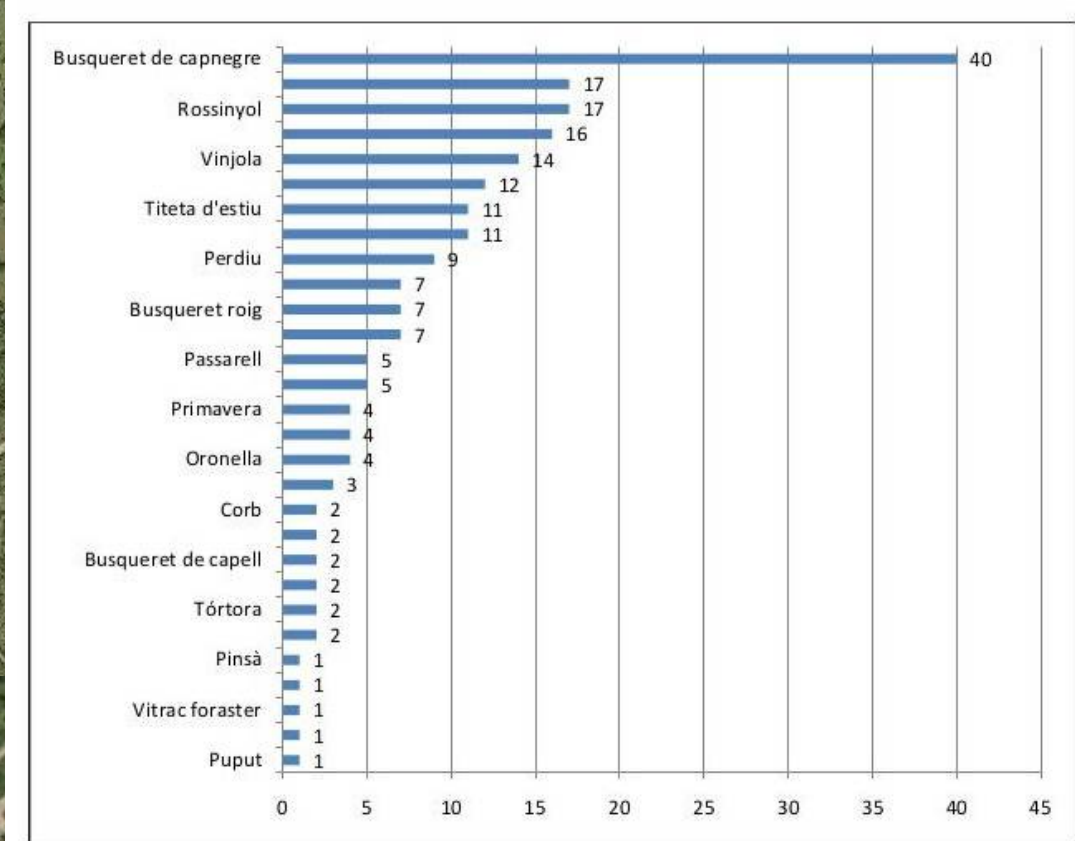
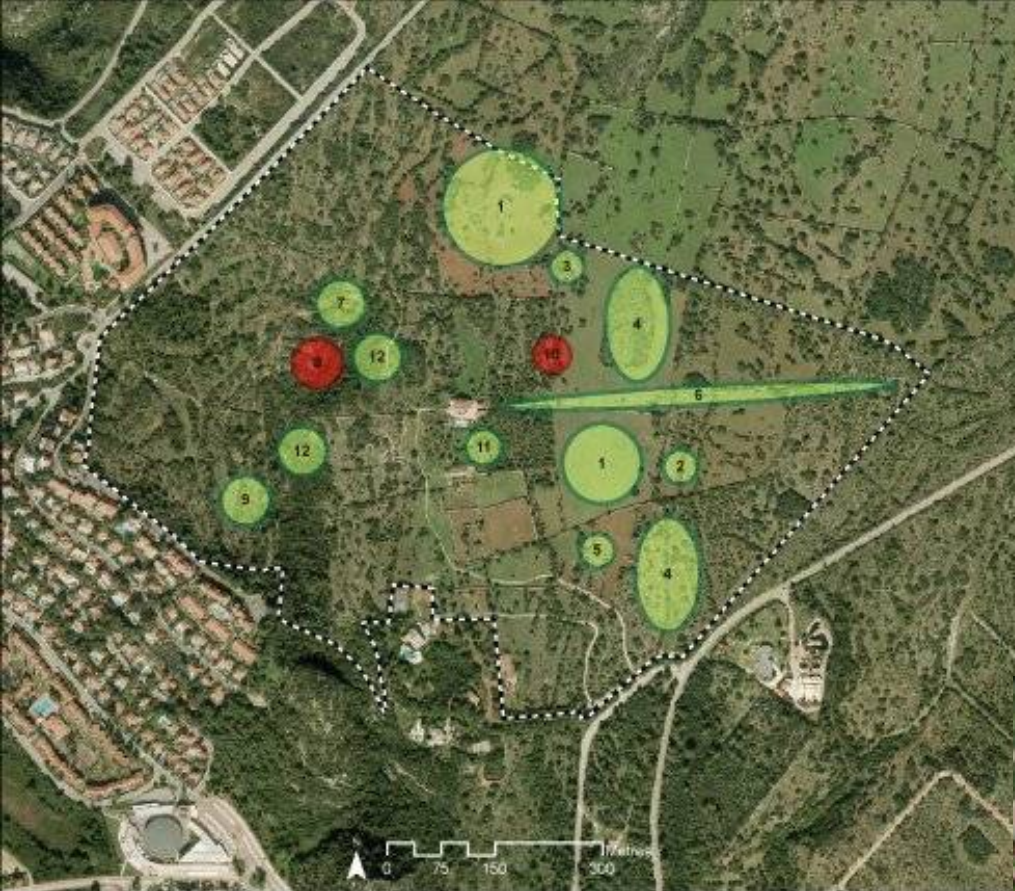


Agro-natural farming: highly commended programme initiated in Menorca, spreading across the Continent. Pilot project chosen by the Ministry of Environment in 2011.

A NETWORK OF AGRONATURAL FARMS

In 2016, there was a network of 27 farms with 2000 hectares of private conservation



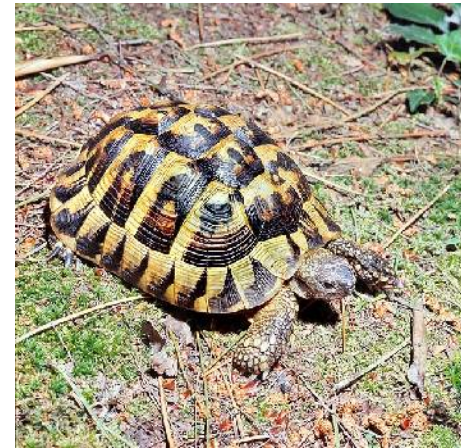


Mapped and digitalized data of nature inventories are now available.

HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED?

Conserve nature

Water, fertile land and species that require active management for preservation and prevention of extinction.



HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED?

Maintain and improve the countryside

Improve the visual impact of access roads, farm installations and main areas.



HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED?

Sow local agricultural varieties

Regeneration of local agricultural varieties which are environmentally compatible giving distinctive local produce.



HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED?

Maintain and develop suitable breeds

Regeneration of indigenous and adapted breeds which are environmentally compatible giving distinctive local produce.



HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED?

Maintain and restore the ethnological heritage

Restoration of ethnologically important sites (kilns, winnowing grounds, wells, water cisterns, etc)



HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED?

Improve property assets

Features which serve the farm in need of improvement (water troughs, ancient stores, irrigation ditches, etc).



HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED?

Sponsor education and training

Identify the strong points of the farm or of its management to use as examples (management of water, commercializations, local varieties, fertilisers, energy, etc).



HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED?

Identify potential for leisure use

Points of interest, routes, countryside, animals, archaeology, events, etc, which can be attractive for excursions.



HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED?

Identify potential for tourism

Identify attractions for tourist visits.



HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED?

Identify tasks which can be done by volunteers

Essential maintenance which can be done with the help of volunteers.



HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED?

Identify essential resources and optimize them

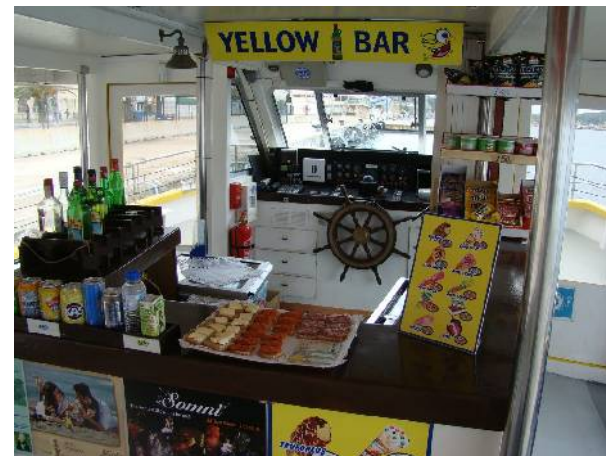
Machinery
and essential
equipment for
communal use
or for possible
exchange.



HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED?

Identify economic potential

Possibilities for making different products for marketing and increasing tourist outlets.



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HOW DO WE MAKE IT HAPPEN?

- Encouraging agreements of Land Stewardship Schemes
- Maintaining periodic contact with the farms
- Organizing training days for the managers and owners
- Promoting farm products
- Organizing days for farming volunteers
- Education in schools
- Spreading awareness of the Land Stewardship Scheme
- Providing events and resources for the farms
- Checking the environmental effects of the Agreements

We have a problem:

There is no regular finance to maintain this programme.

We need between 75.000 and 80.000 euros annually.

Public funding: 20.000 €

We are looking for private donations from lovers of Menorca.

Private Donations

**Public
funding**

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A highly effective way of helping the island