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Land Development in Galicia

a new perspective

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A brief overview about Galicia ...

Galicia is an Autonomous Community of Spain with an own Government which has the competences in different aspects as agriculture, spatial planning, environment, ...

Situation: North of the Iberian Peninsula

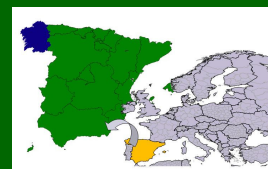
Area: 29.575 km²

Population: 2.784.169 inhabitants

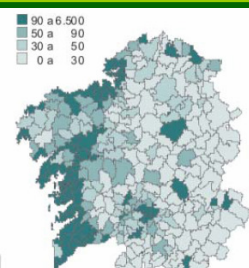
- 4 provinces: A Coruña, Lugo, Ourense and Pontevedra
- 315 municipalities
- 3.778 parishes
- 30.051 settlements
 - Of which: 1.183 are abandoned

(IGE 2008)

The agrarian sector in Galicia is already an important axis in the development of the Galician economy : 3,35 % of the Gross Added Value



Distribution of population in
Galicia - 2007
inh/km²



Fonte: INE. Padrón municipal de habitantes

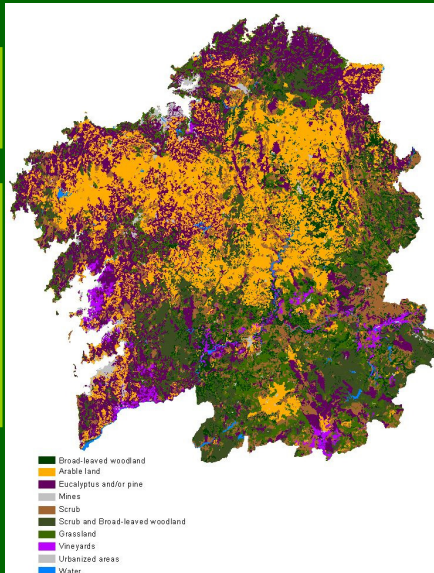
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Land uses:

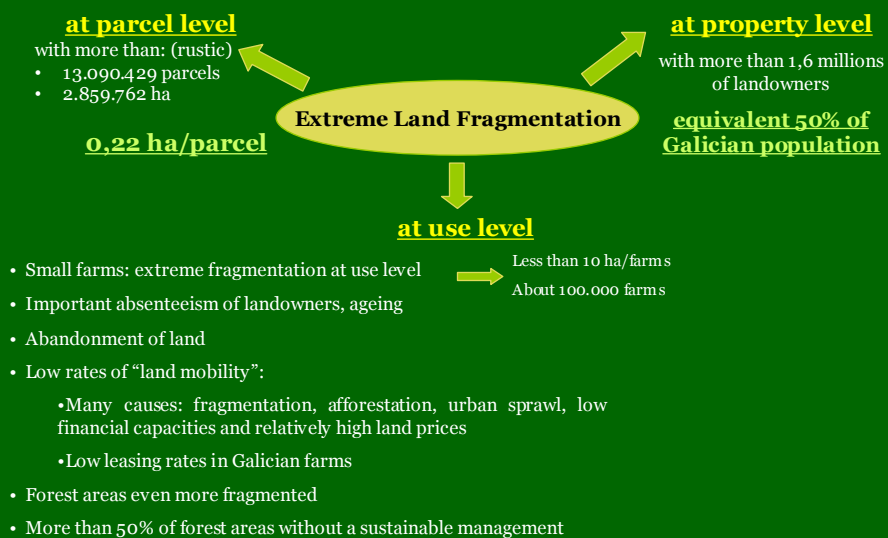
- 2/3 forest (tress and scrubland)
- 1/3 agriculture

Land tenure: dual structure

- Private property highly fragmented:
- Private common land:
Montes Veciñais en Man Común (MVMC)
- Big parcels managed by the community (residents)
- About (+600.000 ha)



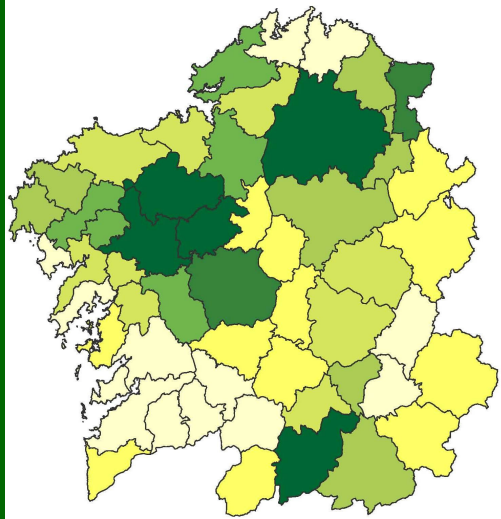
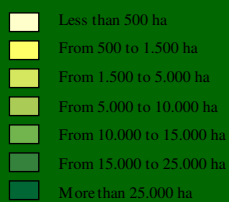
Extreme land fragmentation: a characteristic of Galician agricultural and forestry sector



Policies dealing with land fragmentation

Until nowadays, the policy developed to fight against land fragmentation was based mainly in the use of only one instrument: **land consolidation**

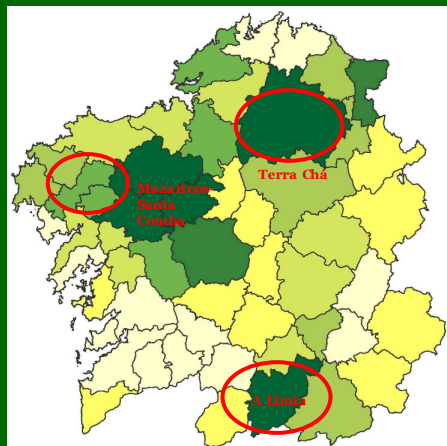
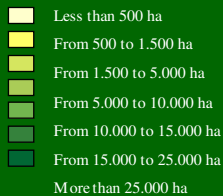
- It was used since the **1950s** (since 1985 with Galician Legislation)
- More than **330.000 ha** have been consolidated
- **Agricultural and forest** purposes ??
- **Instrument oriented policy**



Land Consolidation Projects Finished
(Final Agreement)
December 2008

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LC is a **necessary instrument** in Galicia ... but ...

- It deals mainly with fragmentation at parcel level and, although it has positive effects, it **doesn't solve problems of fragmentation at use level**
 - Farms are still small: difficulties to grow even if land is abandoned
- The effects of fragmentation in forest areas are even worst: after a land consolidation project parcels are still small to be managed in a sustainable way



New policy options

A new strategy and framework for **agrarian land development** policy has been developed with the following principles:

- Change from **instrument oriented policies** to **objective oriented policies**: INTEGRATION
 - Different instruments need to be created (not enough with traditional LC) and they have to be implemented in an integrated way
 - With other policies: spatial planning, rural development, environment, ...
- **Public administration** has to be efficient and effective:
 - It is needed the coordination of different public and private stakeholders
 - People oriented approach: new society
 - Introduction of new technologies

New Instruments of Land Development

- **“Modern Land Consolidation”**: It is being developed a new legislation about LC with the following innovations
 - Increasing effectiveness and reducing costs
 - Traditional land consolidation will be focused on agricultural areas
 - Specific support to land use associations
 - Agrarian Structure Reform projects instead of LC projects
- **Land Bank of Galicia**
 - Land information and management
 - Promoting the leasing of parcels in order to avoid its abandonment
- **Forest Management Units**
 - Joint management of forest areas under the principles of:
 - Sustainable and productive management
 - Prevention against forest fires
- Support to sustainable land use projects

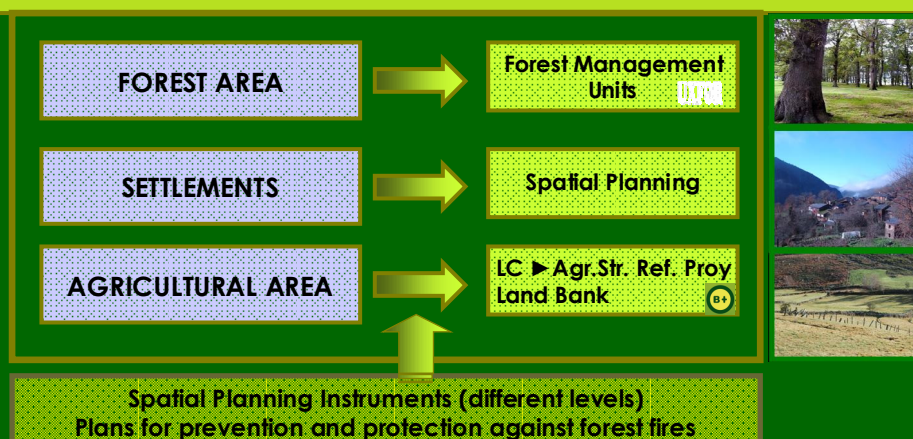


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