

# SERTÃ

## THE GREEN HEARTH IN THE CENTRE OF PORTUGAL



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### AREA DESCRIPTION

Sertã council is situated in a schistose valley where we mostly find the pine tree, eucalyptus and the olive tree. It has an area of 446,7 km<sup>2</sup> and is situated in the sub-region of Médio Tejo (NUTS III), located in the center of Portugal (NUTS II).

The region's center council is bathed by two streams Ribeira da Sertã (Ribeira Grande) and Ribeira do Amioso (Ribeira Pequena). On the west side of the region we have got the Zêzere river which is responsible for most of the water of this municipality, with 15.880 inhabitants distributed by 10 parishes.

### INDUSTRY AND NATURE

In what concerns the enterprise sector we can find timber **harvestry (cork and forestry)**, the **timber industry** and other **by-products (extraction and transformation, furniture manufacturing and paper)**, **building materials (construction industry)**, **agrifood production (eg.:meat and cheese)**, **stone cutting and finishing (marble and stonework)**.

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE AND ECONOMICS

Most of the wealth and uniqueness concerning natural, social and economic factors are present, directly or indirectly, in the fauna.

Due to its prime location and its own features the council is unique comparing to the other neighbour councils. Concerning the flowering species there is the **strawberry tree** *Arbutus unedo* (Linnaeus), mainly used in the production of *aguardente* (kind of brandy) and also studied in the medical industry. Taken as a reference there is the heather – lusitânica *Erica lusitanica* Rudolph and the **rockrose** *Cistus ladanifer* Linnageus, useful in the production of honey and by products by local farmers.

According to 2007 data, most forestry is composed by: **chestnut tree** (*castanea sativa*), **eucalyptus** (*eucalyptus*), **pine tree** (*pinus pinaster*) and **cork oak** (*Quercus suber*). These species are also recognised by the local business sector and a great source of income for a large number of families.



Sertã location



Pine Tree  
*Pinus Pinaster*



Strawberry Tree  
*Arbutus Unedo*



RockRose  
*Cistus Ladanifer*

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