

# Water Quality Report for Irrigation

## EFMA Primary Network

Lab results			Water Quality for Irrigation (annex XVI, DL n.º 236/98)
Responsible Laboratory: Labeltec	(Bulletin n.º 1072/22)		
Parameters	Units	Results	Conformity
Alkalinity	mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub>	138	
Ammonium	mg/L NH <sub>4</sub>	>LD;<LQ	0,029
Nitrogen Kjeldahl	mg/L N	0,67	
Total Nitrogen	mg/L N	0,7	
Bicarbonates	mg/L CO <sub>3</sub> H-	168	(a)
Boron	mg/L B	0,031	●
Calcium	mg/L Ca	43	
Chloride	mg/L Cl	59,4	●
Total Hardness	mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub>	186	
Total Iron (b)	mg/L Fe	0,091	●
Phosphates	mg/L P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0,01	
Total Phosphorus	mg/L P	0,015	
Magnesium	mg/L Mg	19,1	
Manganese	mg/L Mn	0,0125	●
Nitrates	mg/L NO <sub>3</sub>	<LQ	0,3
Nitrites	mg/L NO <sub>2</sub>	<LD	0,003
Potassium	mg/L K	6,3	
Ratio of Sodium Absorption (SAR)		1,17	●
Ratio of Sodium Absorption adjusted (SARaj)		1,22	
Sodium	mg/L Na	37,1	
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	319	●
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	<LQ	3
Sulphates	mg/L CO <sub>4</sub>	45,5	●
Total Coliforms	NMP/100 mL	37	
Fecal Coliforms	NMP/100 mL	1	●

**Note:** With the exception of the SARaj parameter, test to determine the remaining parameters are included in the range of laboratory accreditation.

Field Results (Determined with a multiparameter probe)			Water Quality for Irrigation (annex XVI, DL n.º 236/98)
Parameters	Units	Results	
Temperature	°C	22,1	
pH	Escala Sorensen	8,56	●
Conductivity	µS/cm	537	●

- Lower than the VMR (Maximum Value Recommended)
- Higher than VMR and below the VMA (Maximum Permitted Value)
- Higher than VMR. For this parameter is not defined one VMA.
- Higher than the VMA

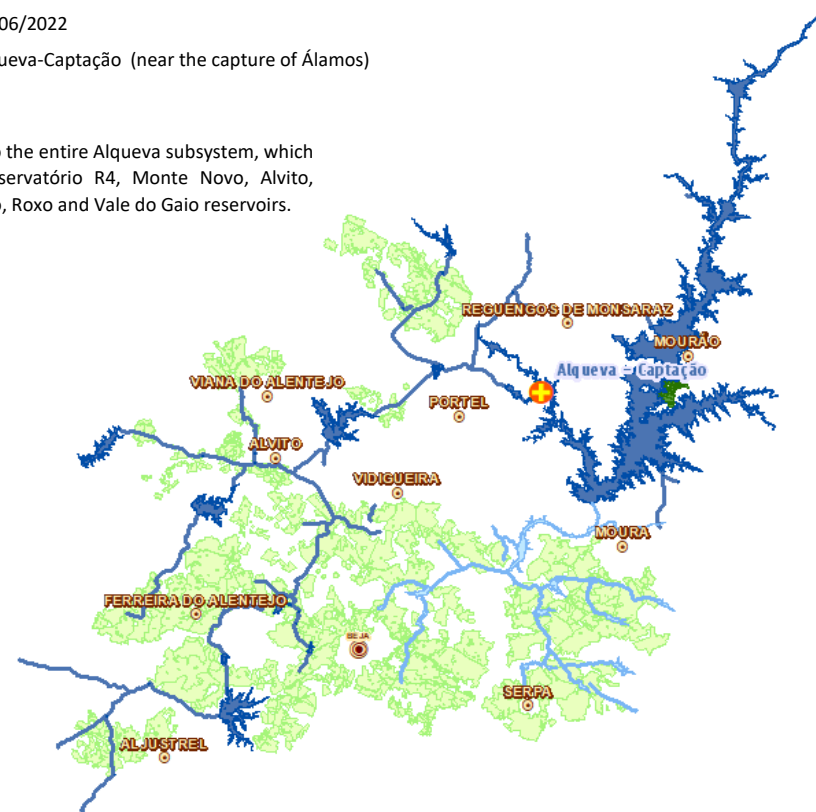
(a) The maximum value recommended in the Integrated Production Standards, for most crops, is 90 mg / L.  
(b) The VMA in Annex XVI of the Decree-Law n.º 236/98 refers to the dissolved iron (5 mg/L Fe).

**Sampling Data:** 28/06/2022

**Sampling Place:** Alqueva-Captação (near the capture of Álamos)

### Benefited areas:

The capture of Álamos adds water to the entire Alqueva subsystem, which includes the Álamos, Loureiro, Reservatório R4, Monte Novo, Alvito, Odivelas, Pisão, Cinco Reis, Penedrão, Roxo and Vale do Gaio reservoirs.



### Comments:

The pH result exceeds the Recommended Maximum Value range for water quality for irrigation (VMR: [6.5-8.4]). This may be due to an increase in the biological activity of algae. High pH values can affect the plant's ability to absorb nutrients and promote the precipitation of iron, calcium, magnesium and phosphate ions, which may promote the clogging of drip irrigation systems. The bicarbonates results exceed the maximum recommended in the Integrated Production Standards. High concentrations of bicarbonates can affect crop yields, making it difficult to absorb some mineral nutrients. The results of the other parameters are within the ranges of normal values for this type of water bodies. In the document "Water Quality - Complementary Information", EDIA recommends some general measures to reduce the concentration of salts in the water bodies.