Top Layer NRT94 carbon footprint

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EY carbon footprint analysis follows a life-cycle approach based on ISO Standard 14040 and is based on Amorim Cork Composites data and business assumptions. The results presented are not third-party verified.



Agenda

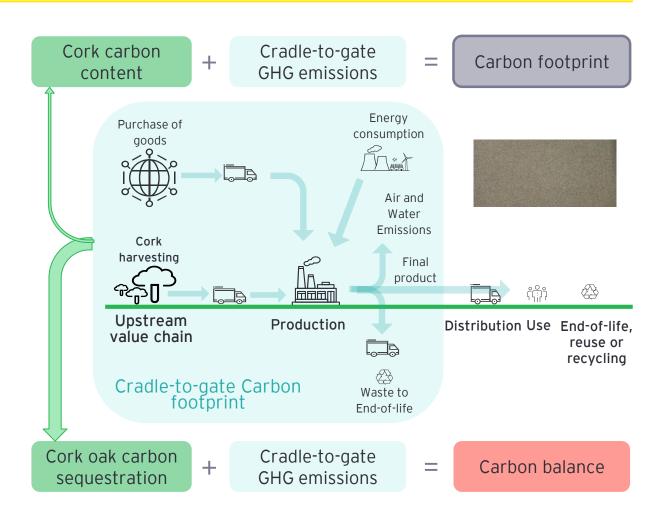
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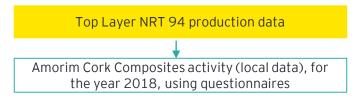


About the study



About the study

- The main purpose is to quantify the potential environmental impacts of Top Layer NRT 94 (average weight: 578,5 km/m³; 0,6 kg/m²; thickness: 1 mm; average composition: 94% cork), produced by Amorim Cork Composites, through a life cycle approach.
- ▶ Guidelines: The study was based on ISO 14040/44 series of standards, complemented with the guidelines from the International Reference Life Cycle Data System (ILCD) Handbook General guide for Life Cycle Assessment Detailed guidance
- **Approach:** cradle-to-gate (from raw material extraction to the finished product at the factory gate)
- Functional unit: 1 m² of product
- ▶ Modelling software and database : SimaPro 9 with ecoinvent 3.5 database
- Method : Midpoint characterization factors recommended by the International Reference Life Cycle Data System (ILCD).
- Data collection procedure



General data (raw materials production, energy, transport and waste management

Ecoinvent 3.5. database, compiled in 2018

- Carbon stored in the final product is included
- Additional scenario analysis of the potential carbon sequestration at the forest stage



Carbon footprint



Top Layer NRT94 carbon footprint

Carbon footprint: results



Top Layer NRT94 carbon footprint:

- Cradle to gate: -0,58 kg CO_{2eq}/m²
- Carbon stored in cork : -1,00 kg CO₂ /m²
- ► GHG emissions: + 0,42 kg CO_{2eq} /m²



Carbon balance



Carbon balance: results

Scenario analysis with carbon sequestration in the cork oak montado

For Top Layer NRT 94 when considering carbon sequestration in the cork oak* montado:

There is a forest storage up to:

 $-39,7 \text{ kg } CO_2/m^2$

Therefore, the carbon balance reaches up to

-39,3 kg CO₂/m²



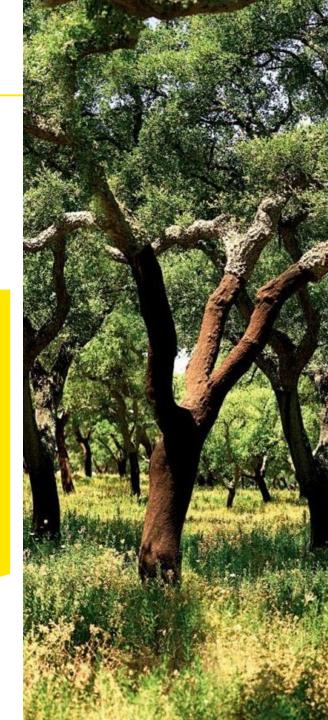
scenario analysis based on well-managed cork oak montado

- 73 t CO₂/t cork

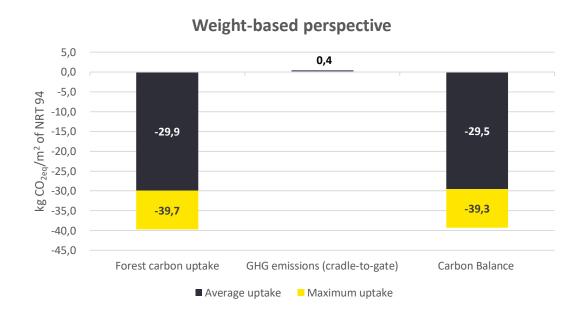
Maximum ecosystem CO_2 uptake registered (14,7 tCO_2 /ha) (Costa-e-Silva et al., 2015).

with the average ecosystem CO_2 uptake being - 55 t CO_2 /t cork, considering wet and dry years in well managed forests (11 t CO_2 /ha).¹

¹ figures used in "The value of cork oak montado ecosystem services, EY 2019"



Carbon balance: results



Carbon balance reaches up to:

$$-39,3 \text{ kg CO}_{2eq}/\text{m}^2$$

considering maximum ecosystem ${\rm CO_2}$ uptake registered in a well managed cork oak montado -73 t ${\rm CO_2/t}$ cork



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