

## PORTUGAL

*This table summarises the key characteristics of these mechanisms as discussed in the main [legal guidance note](#) on this topic.*

### COMMON LAND/BALDIOS

### LAND BANK/LAND MARKET

### PRIVATE PROTECTED AREA (APP)

#### RELEVANT PROVISIONS

Law No. 75/2017, of 17 August

Law No. 49/2023, of 24 August

Article 21 of Decree-Law No. 142/2008, of 24 July, as amended; Ministerial Order No. 1181/2009, of 7 October

#### WHAT IT CAN HELP WITH

Can provide access to common land through a written assignment of operation agreement with the local community, authorised by the Assembly of Commoners.

Can help practitioners identify land that may be available for purchase, lease or other rights of use, especially land suitable for agricultural, forestry or wood-pasture use.

Can give private land or privately managed land formal conservation recognition through APP classification, a management protocol and conservation obligations.

#### MAIN LIMITATION

It does not transfer ownership or give private control over the land. Common land remains subject to the *baldios* regime and community governance.

It is only an access route. It does not itself secure the land or protect rewilding gains. Long-term protection depends on the legal structure ultimately used.

It is not the same as owning the land or holding a registered private law right. It does not, by itself, secure permanent control, and APP status may expire or be removed.

#### USE FOR REWILDING/KEY CAUTION

May be useful for grazing, mosaic-landscape management or other rewilding activities with an economic or productive dimension. The proposed use must fit both the legal framework and the community's management of the land.

May be useful as a starting point for finding land, particularly where the rewilding project includes agricultural, forestry, wood-pasture or other economic use.

Useful for public-law recognition and management of conservation value. It can support rewilding while in force, but should not be relied on alone for long-term protection.