# LIFE Águeda Background

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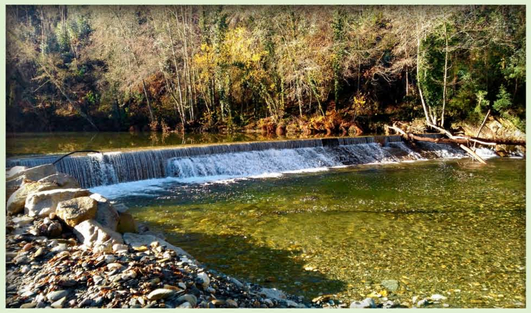
## CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS FOR MIGRATORY FISH IN THE VOUGA RIVER BASIN

The main objective of LIFE ÁGUEDA is the rehabilitation of habitat for migratory fish, through interventions in rivers considered important for species such as the sea lamprey, the allis shad and the twaite shad. The planned interventions will be carried out in the Vouga river basin on several sections of the Vouga, Águeda and Alfusqueiro rivers.



The foreseen interventions include the construction of fishways, the removal of obstacles and the control of invasive flora species, aiming to restore river morphology. By recovering associated habitats, it will be possible to achieve some of the objectives set out in the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and the Floods Directive (FD).

LIFE Águeda also includes a set of innovative solutions aimed at the translocation of European eel juveniles, and the differentiation and economic valuation of fish associated with sustainable fishing practices, meeting the goals and objectives of other European Community policies, such as the European Eel Management Plan and the Common Fisheries Policy. A label of origin, identifying fish from the Vouga river basin, and a pilot mobile auction system allowing to reach distant fishing areas, will be implemented in the framework of LIFE Águeda. This will help to improve fisheries' records on what concerns diadromous species directly affected by the project's actions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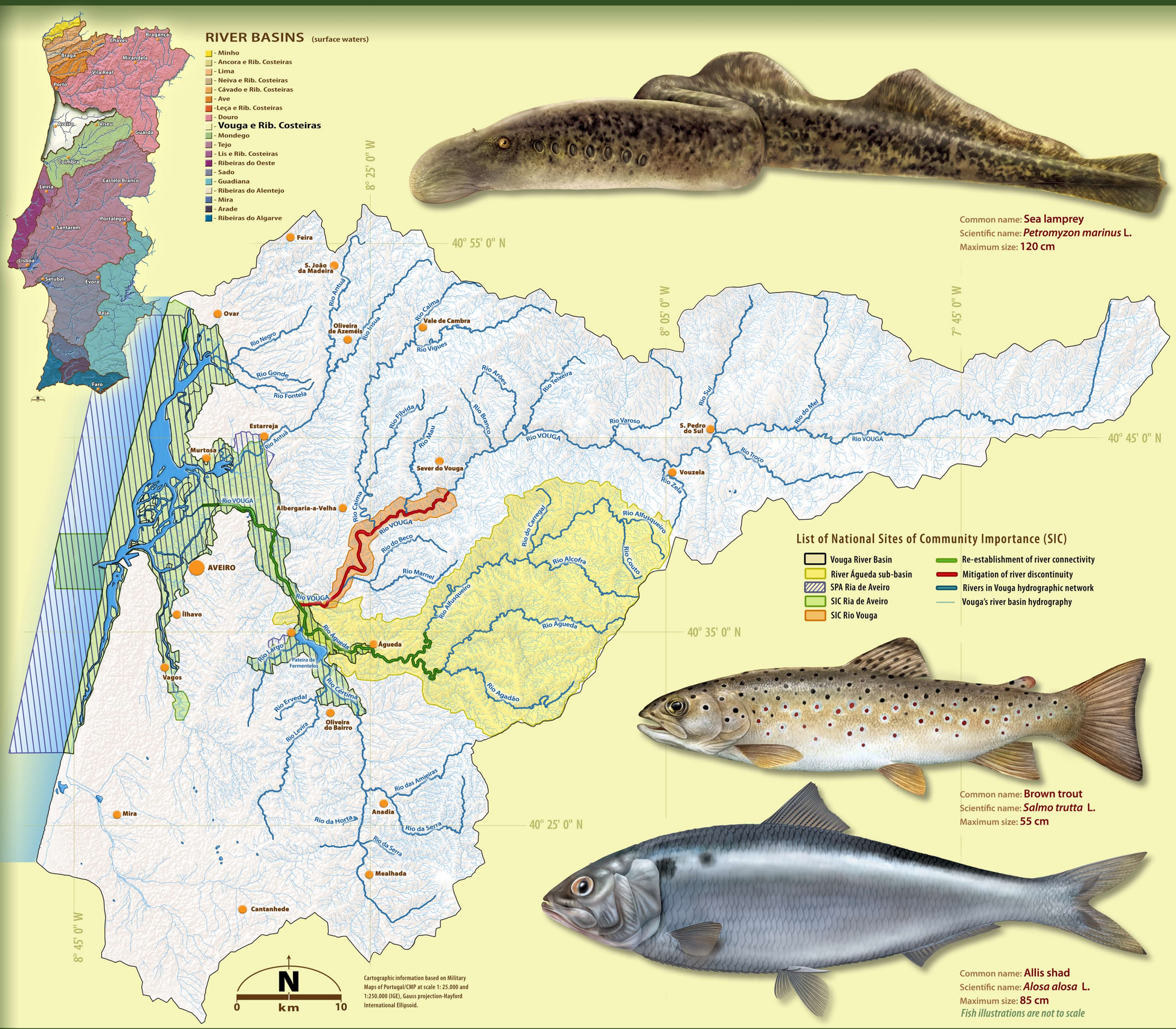



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