

# Agglomerate Sparkling stopper 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 data and business assumptions. The results presented are not third-party verified.

# Agenda

## 1. About the study

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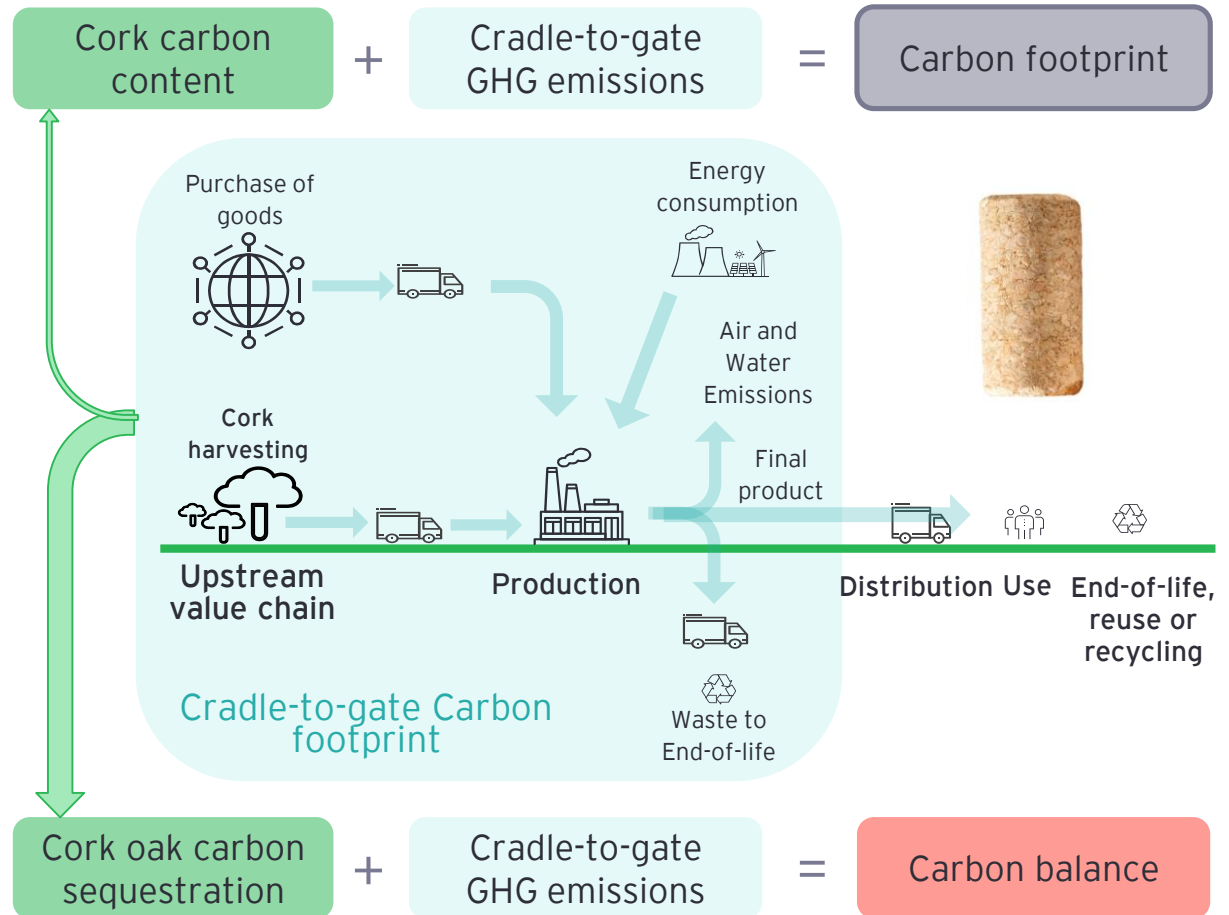
Cradle-to-gate

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Expedition to UK

## 3. Carbon balance

Scenario analysis with carbon sequestration at the forest stage



# 1

## About the study

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- ▶ The **main purpose** is to quantify the potential environmental impacts of Agglomerate Sparkling stopper (average dimensions 47 mm x 29,5 mm; average weight: 8,6g; average composition: 84% cork, 16% customization products) produced by Amorim Cork, 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** : 1000 stoppers
- ▶ **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**

Agglomerate Sparkling stopper production data



Amorim Cork activity (local data), for the year 2019, using questionnaires

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



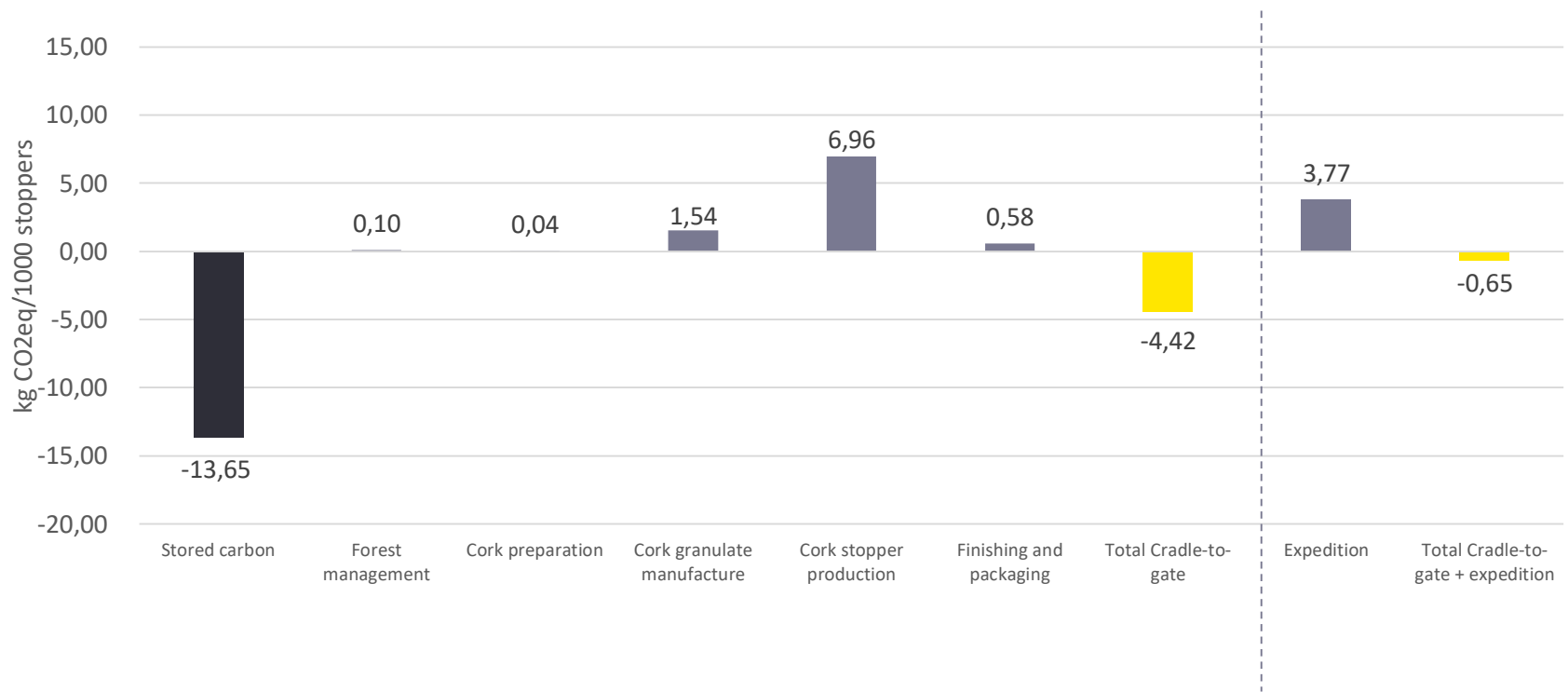
Ecoinvent 3.5. database, compiled in 2018

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

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## Carbon footprint

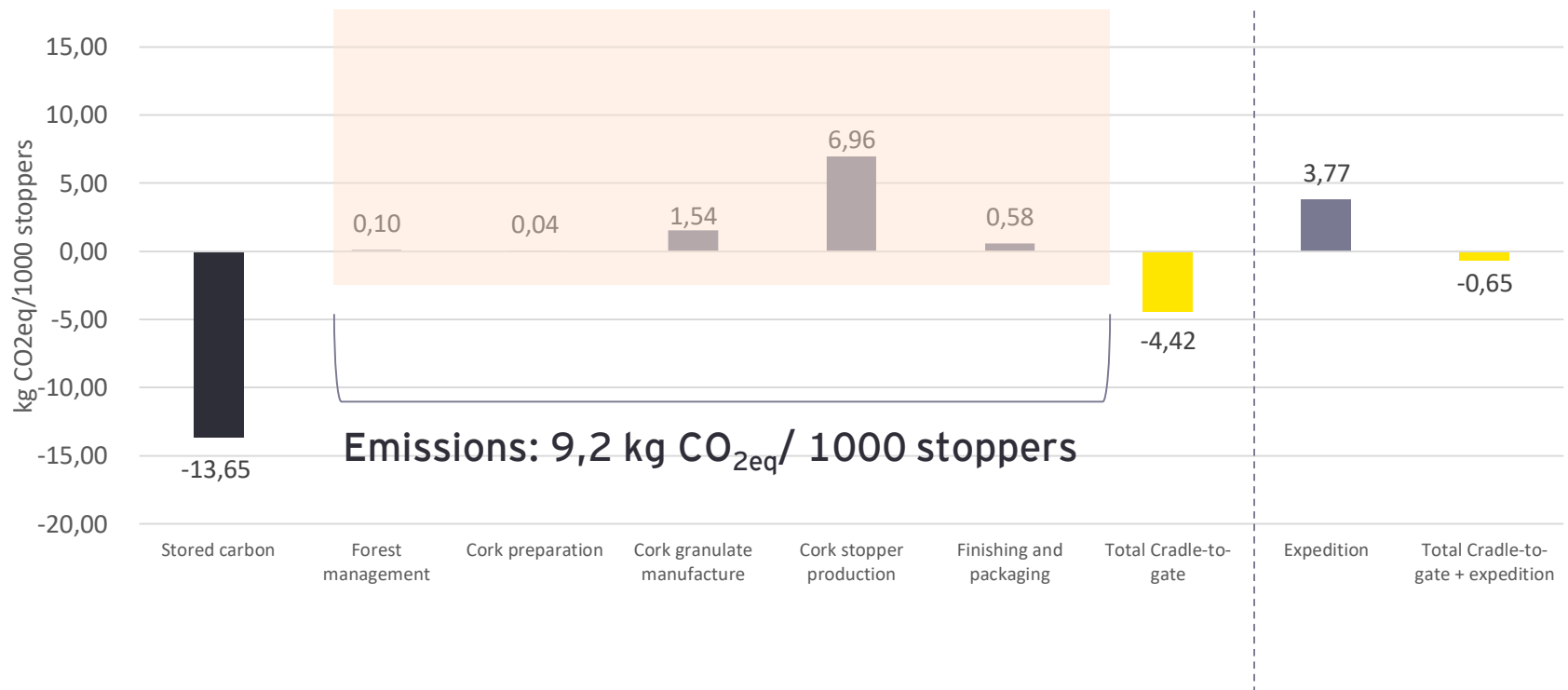
# Carbon footprint: results



## Agglomerate Sparkling carbon footprint:

- ▶ Cradle to gate: **-4,4** kg CO<sub>2</sub>eq /1000 stoppers
- ▶ Cradle to gate with expedition to UK: **-0,7** kg CO<sub>2</sub>eq /1000 stoppers

# Carbon footprint: results



## 75% emissions associated with processes occurring in the stopper production stage

- ▶ Most upstream value chain activities carbon impacts (e.g. production and purchase of chemical products) are reflected in this stage
- ▶ Higher energy consumption (indirect impacts of electricity production)





# 3

## Carbon balance

# Carbon balance: results

## Scenario analysis with carbon sequestration in the cork oak montado

For the average stopper when considering carbon sequestration in the cork oak\* montado:

There is a forest storage up to:

**- 549**

kg CO<sub>2</sub>/1000 stoppers

Therefore, the carbon balance reaches up to

**- 540**

kg CO<sub>2</sub>/1000 stoppers



### scenario analysis based on well-managed cork oak montado

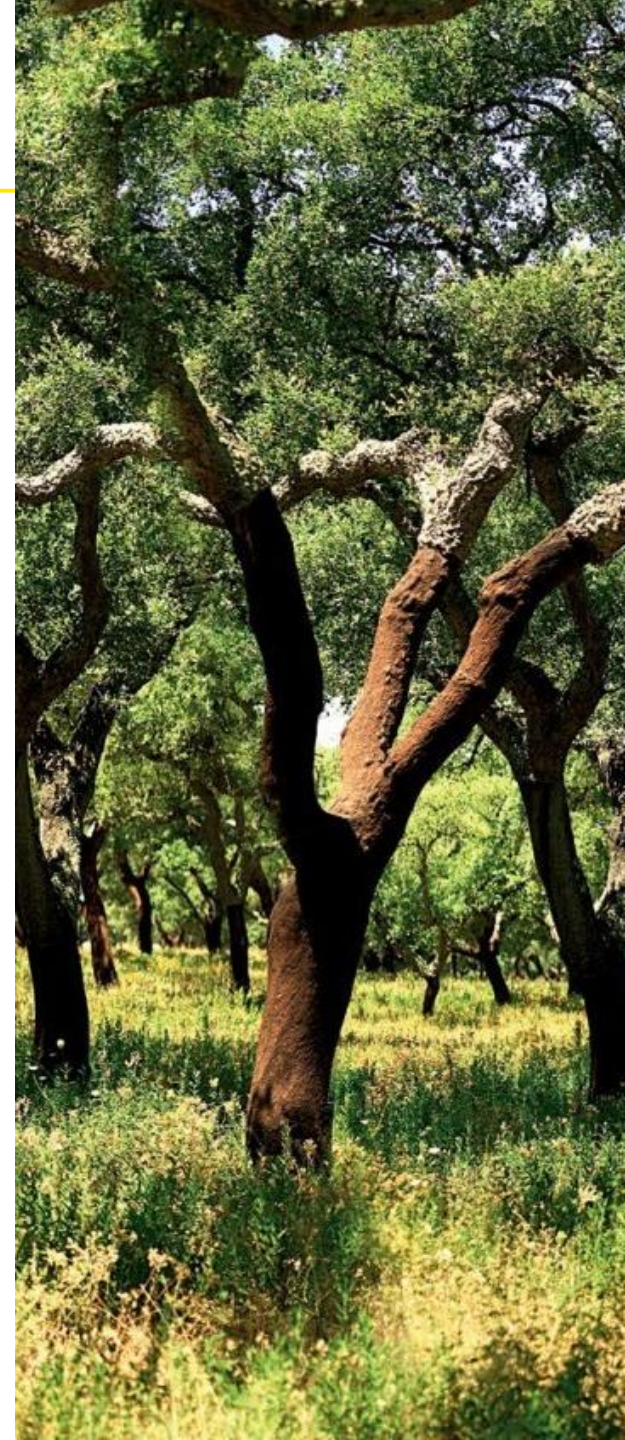
**- 73 t CO<sub>2</sub>/t cork**

Maximum ecosystem CO<sub>2</sub> uptake registered (14,7 tCO<sub>2</sub>/ha) (Costa-e-Silva et al., 2015).

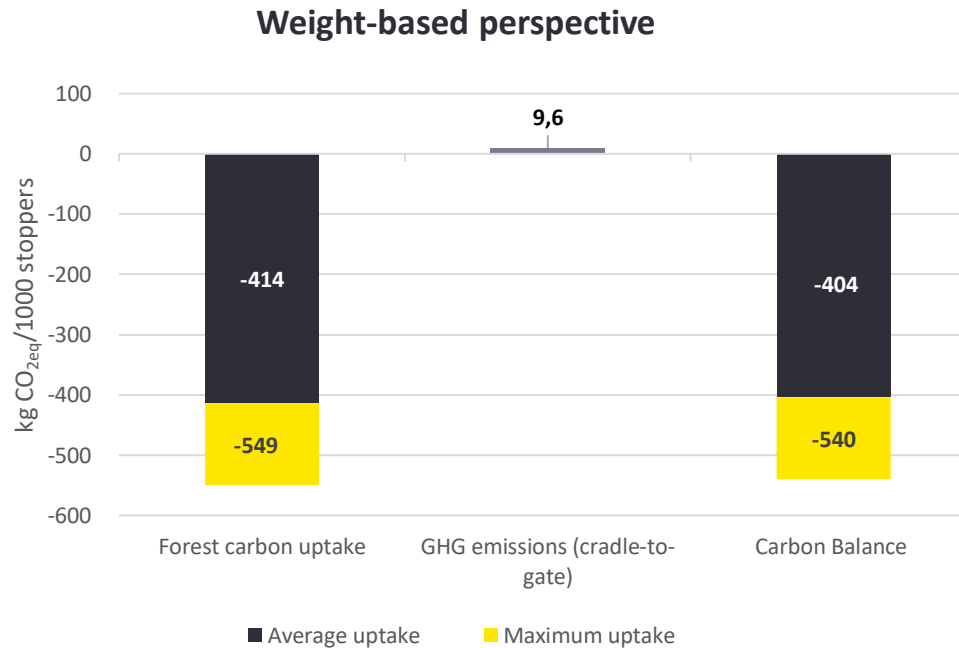
with the average ecosystem CO<sub>2</sub> uptake being - 55 t CO<sub>2</sub>/t cork, considering wet and dry years in well managed forests (11 t CO<sub>2</sub>/ha).<sup>1</sup>

The PEFCR for the wine sector states that carbon stored at cork oak trees shall be included in the analysis as additional environmental information, if carbon storage goes beyond 100 years, which is the case for cork.

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



# Carbon balance: maximum weight stopper



Carbon balance reaches up to:

**- 540 kg CO<sub>2eq</sub>/1000 stoppers**

considering maximum ecosystem CO<sub>2</sub> uptake registered in a well managed cork oak montado **-73 t CO<sub>2</sub>/t cork**

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