TopSeries Plastic Neutro 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 Top Series data and business assumptions. The results presented are not third-party verified.



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Cradle-to-gate

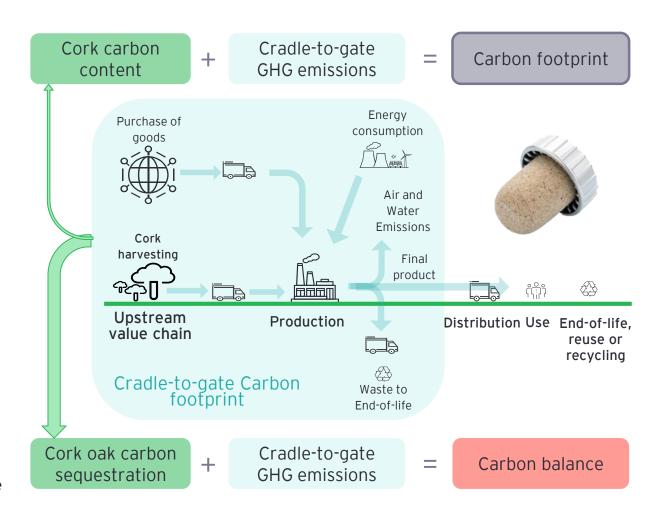
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About the study



About the study

- The main purpose is to quantify the potential environmental impacts of TopSeries Plastic Neutro(average dimensions of stopper 27 mm x 20 mm; average dimensions of capsule 29 mm x 9 mm average weight: 5g; average composition: 41% cork, 43% high impact polystyrene (plastic capsule), 17% customization products), stopper produced by Amorim Top Series, 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



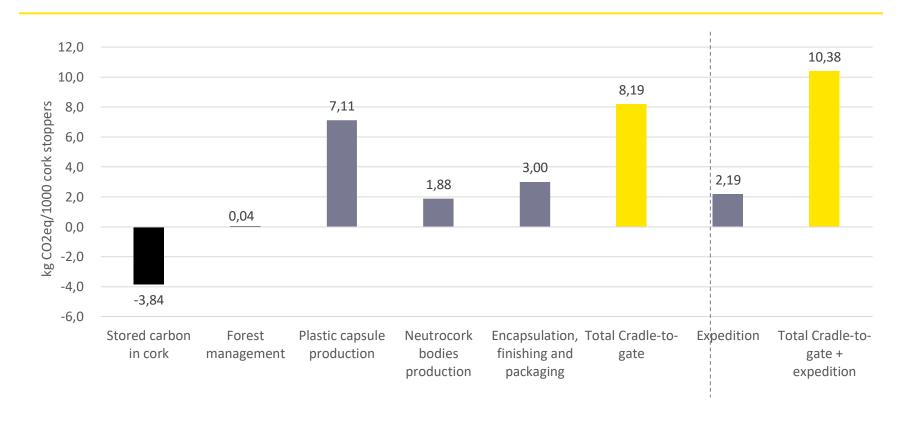
- Carbon stored in the final product is included
- Additional scenario analysis of the potential carbon seguestration at the forest stage



Carbon footprint



Carbon footprint: results



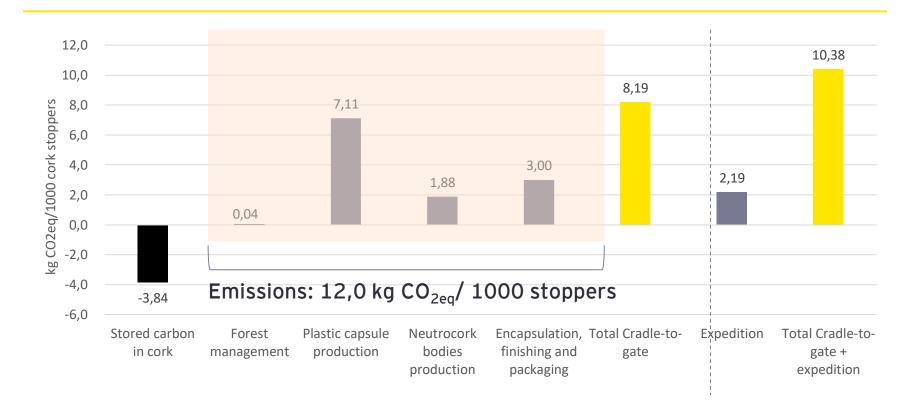
TopSeries Plastic Neutro carbon footprint:

- \triangleright Cradle to gate: +8,2 kg $CO_{2eq}/1000$ stoppers
- Cradle to gate with expedition to UK: +10.4 kg $CO_{2eq}/1000$ stoppers



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Carbon footprint: results



59% emissions associated with processes occurring in the plastic capsule production stage

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







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:

- 150

kg CO₂/1000 stoppers

Therefore, the carbon balance reaches up to

-138

kg CO₂/1000 stoppers



scenario analysis based on well-managed cork oak montado

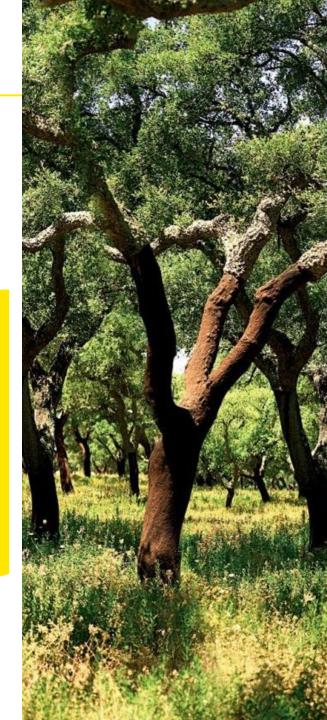
- 73 t CO₂/t cork

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

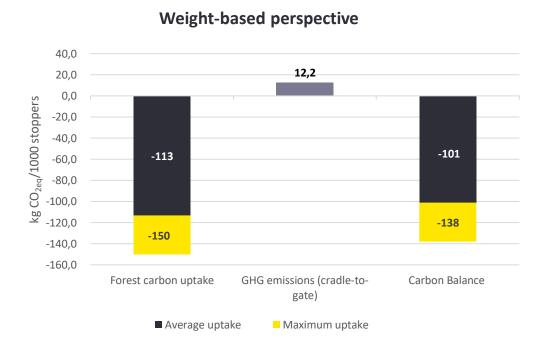
with the average ecosystem CO_2 uptake being - 55 t CO_2 /t cork, considering wet and dry years in well managed forests (11 t CO_2 /ha).¹

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.

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



Carbon balance: maximum weight stopper



Carbon balance reaches up to:

-138 kg CO_{2eq}/1000 stoppers

considering maximum ecosystem CO₂ uptake registered in a well managed cork oak montado -73 t CO₂/t cork



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