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The Cork

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The cork oak tree, with the scientific name *Quercus suber*, is a midsize tree that can be 20 meters high, with a large top and not much thick.

The cork oak lives, in general, 200 years. Its trunk branches off in branches and it's coated with a layer of cork, that regenerates if extracted. Its leaves are used as natural fertilizers.

The cork which is removed from the cork oak is used for several things: stoppers for bottles, wallets, accessories, between other things.

This tree also produces a fruit, the tusk. It feeds the animals in the forest.

The cork oaks are an endangered species. So, the populations can't slaughter them unrestrictedly.









