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Abstract. In some European countries, highly prized truffles of the genus *Tuber* generate more economic benefits than any other woodland product. In this preliminary study of the ecology and truffle producing capacity of *Tuber melanosporum* in the central region of the Iberian Peninsula, we examined 433 sites producing this truffle in 8 types of high forest habitats associated with *Quercus faginea*, *Q. ilex* subsp. *ballota*, *Corylus avellana*, *Cistus laurifolius*, and *Tilia platyphyllos*. The production of this truffle in these natural, un-managed stands was confirmed in interviews conducted with 14 truffle-gatherers from the Alto Tajo Basin.

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