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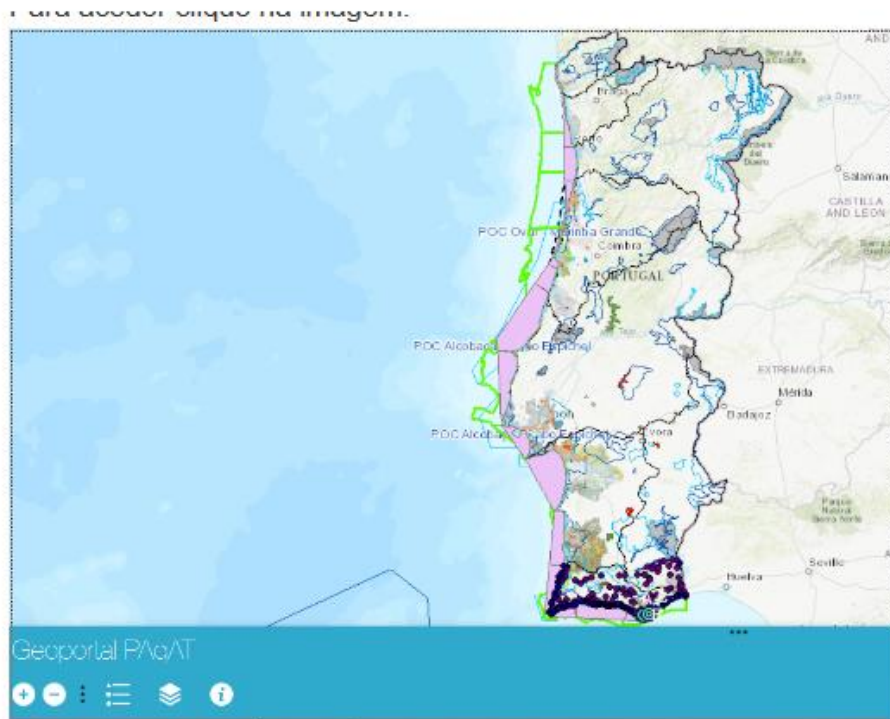
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SPA is nationally regulated through the implementation of the license system.

Since 2015, new regulations for license permissions were created to simplify the procedure:

Decree Law n.º 38/2015

Decree Law n.º 46/2016

## Decree Law No. 38/2015 (March 12): Develops the Basic Law for Maritime Spatial Planning and Management

- Situation Plan and allocation plan at sea
- Aquaculture plans in **transitional waters**, such as estuarine areas (Ria de Aveiro, Óbidos Lagoon, Sado estuary, Ria de Alvor, Ria Formosa)-
- Aquaculture compatibility with protected areas/Natura network

## Decree Law No. 38/2015 - Article 28 of the LBOGEM

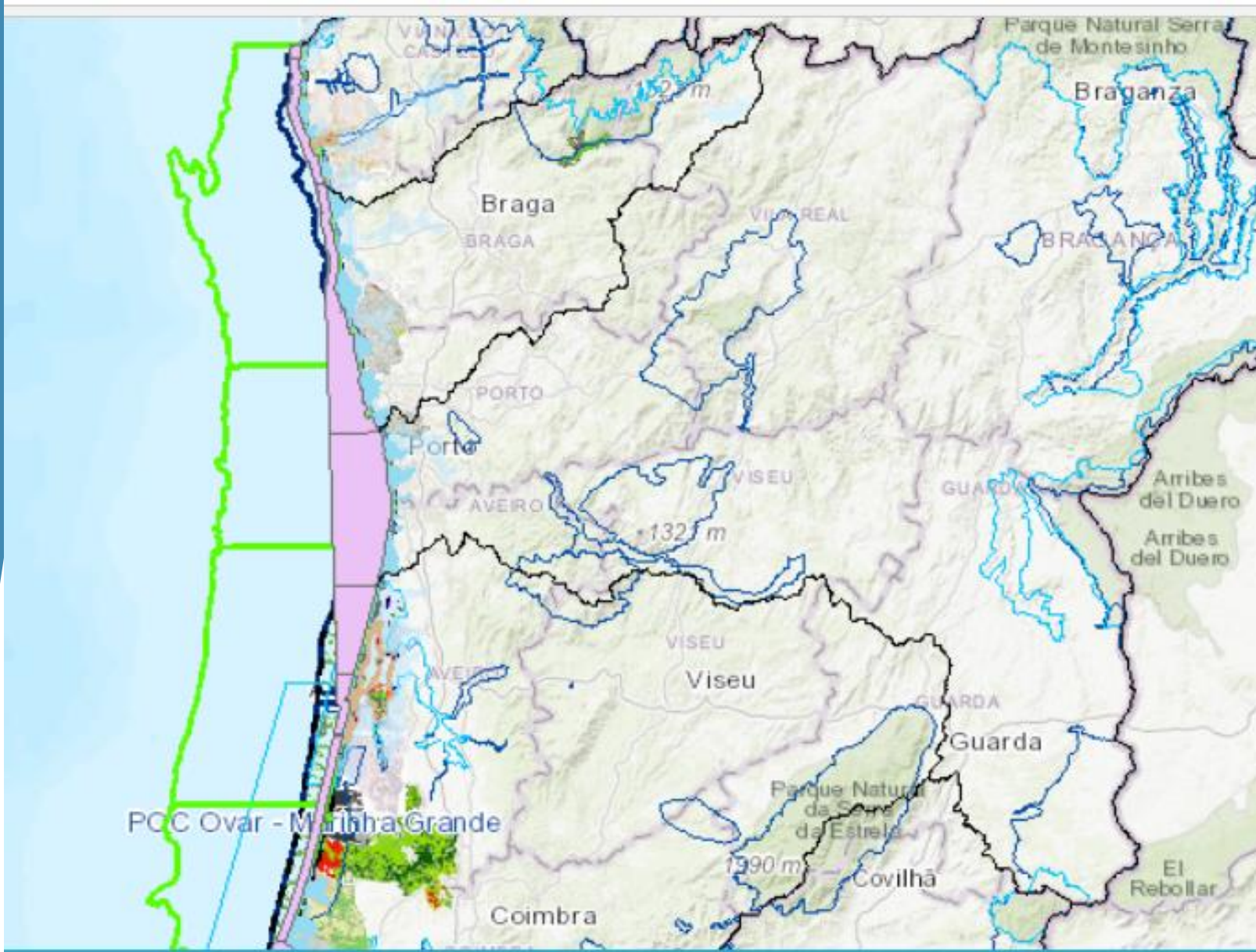
Private use of water resources in transitional waters for **aquaculture purposes** is subject to a plan identifying the spatial and temporal distribution of use of those waters for aquaculture purposes.

## Decree Law Non.º 46/2016 (August 18)

Extends up to 2021 the deadline for licences in transitional areas, including estuarine areas.

## Legal regime of establishment and operation of establishments

- Assignment of Aquaculture Activity license (use of water resources or maritime space, establishment of the establishment and its exploitation)
- Procedure and license issuance reduced from 3 entities to a **single entity**:
  - DGRM for marine aquaculture licenses
  - ICNF for freshwater aquaculture licenses
- Creation of the Blue Licensing (simpler and faster regime, with applications for production areas to be opened at the initiative of the State)
- Faster license procedure: from 3 years to 3 months on average



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