



24 **Abstract**

25           Most environmental problems are caused and/or enhanced by human behaviour; thus,  
26 it is crucial to understand environmental attitudes that underlie individual's behaviour  
27 towards the environment. In Portugal, a highly vulnerable region to environmental change  
28 and serious local-scale natural hazards, environmental attitudes have never been  
29 systematically addressed. Therefore, the main goal of this study is to evaluate environmental  
30 attitudes in a Portuguese sample using the most appropriate short version of Milfont &  
31 Duckitt's Environmental Attitudes Inventory (*J. Environ. Psychol.* 30 (2010) 80-94).

32           Reliability and validity analyses showed that the 36-item version of the  
33 Environmental Attitudes Inventory (EAI-36) was more adequate than the 24-item version.  
34 Using EAI-36, preservation and utilisation emerged as orthogonal dimensions, forming the  
35 vertical structure of environmental attitudes, and were negatively and moderately correlated  
36 in the Portuguese sample, expressing an ecocentric viewpoint. Mean scores for the first- and  
37 second-order factors were similar to values from other developed countries. Differences in  
38 age, gender and study area were found, with older participants, women and individuals from  
39 the natural sciences showing higher levels on preservation and lower on utilisation.

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41 **Keywords:** Environmental attitudes; preservation; utilisation; psychometry; Portugal

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## 47 **Introduction**

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49           Environmental attitudes are a fundamental construct in environmental psychology and  
50 can be defined as an individual's tendency to evaluate the natural environment with some  
51 degree of favour or disfavour, *i.e.*, the degree to which an individual is concerned about the  
52 protection, understanding or enhancement of the natural environment (Gifford 2014a; Milfont  
53 2007). Environmental attitudes are held and expressed by people to satisfy different purposes,  
54 which can be grouped into three main function categories: an understanding function that  
55 help us understand the world, a social-identity function that allows the expression of our  
56 basic values, and a protective function that enhances and maintains our self-esteem (Milfont  
57 2007).

58           Regarding their structure, three different components are generally distinguished  
59 (Gifford, 2014a). First, the cognitive component represents an individual's beliefs, thoughts  
60 and knowledge about the environment. For instance, people who believe that nature is fragile  
61 are the most environmentally concerned, whilst those who believe that nature is resilient are  
62 the least concerned (Poortinga et al. 2003); education has also been associated to  
63 environmental concern, although education alone does not lead to more proenvironmental  
64 behaviour, serving instead as a priming agent (Gifford 2014b). Second, the affective  
65 component includes emotions and feelings about the environment; for instance, a mix of  
66 negative and positive emotions (worry, hope and joy) has been positively related to recycling  
67 behaviours (Ojala 2008). Third, a conative or behavioural component refers to an individual's  
68 behavioural intentions towards the environment (Gifford 2014a); however, intentions do not  
69 always translate into actual proenvironmental behaviour. This three-component model of  
70 attitudes is widely accepted, although a more contemporary approach to attitude structure

71 argues that beliefs, affects and behaviours are the basis from which environmental attitudes  
72 derive, *i.e.*, they interact with attitudes, rather than being their parts (Albarracín et al. 2005).

73 Different models have been suggested to explain the vertical and horizontal structures  
74 of environmental attitudes, from a unidimensional, bipolar construct (e.g., New  
75 Environmental Paradigm: Dunlap & Van Liere, 1978), to a multidimensional construct  
76 composed by different bipolar dimensions (Milfont & Duckitt, 2010) that can be aggregated  
77 into one (generalised environmental attitudes) or two (preservation and utilisation) second-  
78 order dimensions (see Milfont, 2007 and references therein). The two-dimensional model of  
79 Wiseman and Bogner (2003) suggests that environmental attitudes are divided into  
80 preservation attitudes that express the belief that the preservation and diversity of nature  
81 should be prioritized, and utilisation attitudes that express the belief that the exploitation of  
82 all natural resources for human objectives is right, appropriate and necessary (Milfont &  
83 Duckitt, 2010). These two orthogonal dimensions reflect Blaikie's (1992) dilemma between  
84 how to balance conservation of the natural environment (preservation) with the need for some  
85 forms of exploitation of the environment (utilisation). However, preservation and utilisation  
86 attitudes may be strongly and negatively correlated (Domingues et al. n.d.), especially in  
87 environmentally-oriented participants (Milfont, 2007).

88 Early models considered that proenvironmental behaviour was the result of  
89 environmental knowledge leading to a higher environmental awareness and concern, which in  
90 turn resulted in proenvironmental behaviour (Kollmuss and Agyeman 2002). However,  
91 research has shown that environmental attitudes may indeed influence proenvironmental  
92 behaviours (Heyl et al. 2013), but not always (Kollmuss & Agyeman, 2002).

93 Proenvironmental behaviour results from the interactions between an individual's attitudes  
94 towards the environment, and other variables such as childhood experience, knowledge and  
95 education, personality, values and worldviews, among others (Gifford 2014b). Differences

96 between self-reported behaviour, that is usually over-reported, and actual/observed behaviour  
97 are also relevant in this context (Chao and Lam 2011); hence, associations between  
98 environmental attitudes and observed behaviour tend to be weaker (Gifford and Sussman  
99 2012). Environmental attitudes have been studied across cultures and in multiple contexts;  
100 overall, higher levels of environmental concern are usually found in women, younger people,  
101 and citizens from middle and upper-middle-classes (Gifford & Sussman, 2012 and references  
102 therein). Many other variables, such as personality, values, education, personal experience  
103 with nature, religion and political views, may affect environmental attitudes and concern, but  
104 results across studies are inconsistent.

105         Measuring environmental attitudes and understanding what drives individual  
106 behaviour towards the environment is necessary to devise programs to help ameliorate  
107 environmental issues, by fostering proenvironmental behaviour (McIntyre and Milfont 2016).  
108 Self-report questionnaires are usually the preferred way to measure environmental attitudes  
109 and an array of psychometric instruments are available, based on different conceptual and  
110 theoretical frameworks (Milfont & Duckitt, 2010). The most widely used is probably the  
111 New Environmental Paradigm Scale (NEP; Dunlap & Van Liere, 1978) and its revised  
112 version NEP-R (Dunlap et al. 2000), a 15-item, unidimensional scale that measures the  
113 ecological worldview, *i.e.*, the view that humans are part of nature, in opposition to the  
114 dominant social paradigm, *i.e.*, the view that humans are superior to all other species. Many  
115 other instruments have been developed to measure environmental attitudes, some focused on  
116 specific issues (e.g., transportation of nuclear waste: Larsen, 1994) or specific populations,  
117 such as children (e.g., Larson, Green, & Castleberry, 2009) and college students (e.g.,  
118 Schindler, 1999), and others more general (e.g., Weigel & Weigel, 1978).

119         Other instruments, such as the Environmental Attitudes Inventory (EAI; Milfont &  
120 Duckitt, 2010), have approached environmental attitudes as a multidimensional construct,

121 addressing different facets of environmental attitudes related to both preservation and  
122 utilisation views of nature. The EAI includes 12 subscales: enjoyment of nature (scale 1),  
123 support for interventionist conservation policies (scale 2), environmental movement activism  
124 (scale 3), conservation motivated by anthropocentric concern (scale 4), confidence in science  
125 and technology (scale 5), environmental fragility (scale 6), altering nature (scale 7), personal  
126 conservation behaviour (scale 8), human dominance over nature (scale 9), human utilisation  
127 of nature (scale 10), ecocentric concern (scale 11), and support for population growth policies  
128 (scale 12) (Milfont and Duckitt 2010). These first-order factors can be grouped into two  
129 higher- or second-order factors, preservation and utilisation. Preservation attitudes express  
130 the belief that the preservation and diversity of nature should be prioritized, whilst utilisation  
131 attitudes express the belief that the exploitation of all natural resources for human objectives  
132 is right, appropriate and necessary (Milfont and Duckitt 2010).

133         The full version of EAI includes 10 items, 5 pro- and 5 con-trait, for each of the 12  
134 scales, for a total of 120 items to be answered in a 7-point rating scale. An initial assessment  
135 showed that the EAI possesses good psychometric properties, the 12 scales are  
136 unidimensional with high internal consistency and homogeneity, and is relatively free from  
137 the effects of social desirability (Milfont 2007; Milfont and Duckitt 2010). Given that  
138 response and completion rates are likely to be negatively affected with the inclusion of a  
139 large number of similar items (Sutton and Gyuris 2015), two shorter, balanced versions were  
140 also developed, namely a short 72-item version (EAI-S) and a brief 24-item version (EAI-24)  
141 (Milfont and Duckitt 2010). The 120 and 72-item versions of the EAI were tested in different  
142 cultural contexts, and most of the previous findings regarding the psychometric properties of  
143 EAI were replicated, providing support for the cross-cultural validity of the instrument  
144 (Milfont 2007). The shorter and brief versions have also been adapted and validated in other

145 languages, namely Brazilian-Portuguese (Milfont et al. 2005), Afrikaans (Milfont and Duckitt  
146 2010) and French (Moussaoui et al. 2016).

147         The Environmental Attitudes Inventory has been adapted and modified by other  
148 researchers. For instance, Sutton & Gyuris (2015) optimized the 72-item version, and  
149 developed and tested a shorter, 36-item version in terms of reliability and validity, with the  
150 goal of assessing the utility of the EAI for evaluating and monitoring environmental attitudes  
151 of tertiary education students. Sutton & Gyuris (2015) suggested that the brief, 24-item  
152 version of the EAI contains a large amount of redundancy, due to the reversed pairs of items,  
153 and are likely to be perceived by respondents as unnecessarily repetitive, thus affecting  
154 response and completion rates. Moussaoui et al. (2016) developed a very short, 12-item  
155 version of EAI in French, with satisfactory internal reliability, predictive ability and test-  
156 retest reliability, in order to study attitudinal aspects of proenvironmental behaviours of  
157 francophone populations.

158         The EAI has also been used in different areas of environmental psychological  
159 research. For instance, the 72-item version was used to evaluate whether environmental  
160 attitudes mediate the relationship between the need for cognition and proenvironmental goal  
161 choice (Barbaro et al. 2015). A 36-item version of EAI was applied to evaluate environmental  
162 attitudes of occupants of sustainable housing as indicators of sustainable behaviour  
163 (O'Callaghan et al. 2012). The 24-item version was used to test whether thermal preferences  
164 of occupants in low-energy houses were influenced by their environmental values (Daniel et  
165 al. 2015). A balanced 12-item version was also used to relate environmental attitudes to  
166 environmental action (Ernst et al. 2017).

167         Specific scales of the EAI have been used to address particular issues. For instance,  
168 scales 6 (environmental fragility) and 8 (personal conservation behaviour) were applied to  
169 distinguish environmental attitudes of carpoolers versus non-carpoolers (Delhomme and

170 Gheorghiu 2016), whilst scales 9 (human dominance over nature) and 10 (utilisation of  
171 nature) were used to evaluate mediating mechanisms that could explain differences in climate  
172 change beliefs between right-wing and left-wing adherents (Hoffarth and Hodson 2016).

173 In Portugal, tools such as the Eurobarometers have been administered to evaluate  
174 people's opinions on environmental issues (Schmidt and Delicado 2014). Relationships  
175 between environmental attitudes and other variables, such as purchase behaviours (do Paço et  
176 al. 2013), or environmental awareness of specific populations, such as surf tourists (Frank et  
177 al. 2009), have been occasionally addressed using the NEP scale. However, the attitudes,  
178 beliefs, risk perceptions, and behaviours towards the environment are still poorly studied in  
179 the Portuguese population. Given that Portugal is located in a region highly vulnerable to  
180 climate change (IPCC 2014) and other local-scale natural hazards, many of them enhanced by  
181 human behaviour, knowledge on the psychological dimensions of environmental change is  
182 crucial. In addition, cultural-based differences in environmental attitudes have been showed  
183 in several cross-cultural studies (Deng et al. 2006; Leung and Rice 2002), suggesting possible  
184 differences in the horizontal structure of environmental attitudes (Milfont 2007); the  
185 accumulation of data on environmental attitudes in different population is thus pertinent. In  
186 this context, the goals of this study are: a) to assess the structural validity of two different  
187 Portuguese short versions of the Environmental Attitudes Inventory using confirmatory factor  
188 analysis, and b) to evaluate environmental attitudes in a Portuguese sample using the most  
189 appropriate short version of the Environmental Attitudes Inventory.

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## 191 **Methods**

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### 193 **Instruments**

194 The Portuguese version of the 120-item EAI (EAI-PT) was used as a basis to extract  
195 the items for two brief versions, a 24- and 36-item short forms. The Portuguese EAI was  
196 obtained using the translation-backtranslation procedure (Brislin 1976); both the English and  
197 Portuguese versions were compared and the most accurate Portuguese version of each item  
198 was chosen. In order to accommodate cultural and social differences, some items were  
199 adapted into Portuguese, instead of literally translated (van de Vijver and Leung 1997). In  
200 addition, some items that were reversed in the English version were presented in a pro-trait  
201 way in the Portuguese version for clarity (see Domingues et al. n.d. for details on the  
202 production and psychometric properties of EAI-PT).

203 For EAI-36 (Annex 1), the three items with the highest loadings in each scale,  
204 obtained from a Portuguese sample, were selected; this version is not balanced, with 30 pro-  
205 trait and 6 con-trait items. The 24-item version (Annex 2), with 12 pro-trait and 12 con-trait  
206 items, was suggested by Milfont and Duckitt (2010). A 5-point response scale was used for  
207 EAI-24 and a 7-point scale was used for EAI-36, ranging from 1 = “strongly disagree” to 5 or  
208 7 = “strongly agree”.

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### 210 **Participants and procedure**

211 Non-probability sampling techniques were used to recruit participants. For EAI-36, a  
212 paper version of the questionnaire was administered to a convenience sample composed by  
213 university students, and an online version was used with a snowball sample obtained through  
214 social media. Participants in EAI-24 were recruited through snowball sampling and  
215 responded to the online version of the questionnaire. A total of 719 participants responded to  
216 EAI-36 and 618 to EAI-24. After removal of multivariate outliers based on the Mahalanobis  
217 distance, final samples of 651 and 601 respondents were obtained for EAI-36 and EAI-24,  
218 respectively. Participants in EAI-36 are 20.8% male and 79.2% female, with a mean age of

219 31.4 ± 11.0 years, ranging between 17 and 69 years old, and 60.0% have higher education  
220 studies. Participants in EAI-24 are 10.3% male and 89.7% female, with a mean age of 39.0 ±  
221 9.6 years, ranging between 17 and 72 years old; 77.4% have higher education studies.

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### 223 **Data analysis**

224 Mean scores for preservation, utilisation and generalised environmental attitudes  
225 (GEA, obtained by reversing the utilisation items and aggregating these and the preservation  
226 items) were calculated. For each first-order and second-order factors, descriptive statistics  
227 (mean, standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis) were calculated. Skewness and kurtosis  
228 absolute values lower than 2 and 7, respectively, indicated no significant deviations from  
229 normality (West et al. 1995).

230 Cronbach's alpha was used to evaluate scale reliability; alpha coefficients higher than  
231 0.80 indicate good internal consistency (Nunnally and Bernstein 1994). Convergent related  
232 validity was assessed by computing the maximum variance extracted (AVE) and composite  
233 reliability (CR);  $AVE \geq 0.5$  and  $CR \geq 0.7$  are indicative of construct convergent related  
234 validity (Hair et al. 2005; Marôco et al. 2014). Discriminant validity was also evaluated as  
235 proposed by Fornell and Larcker (1981); two constructs show discriminant validity if both  
236 AVE are higher than the determination coefficient between them.

237 Confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) with maximum-likelihood estimation was used to  
238 test model fit. Missing values were replaced through multiple imputation using the  
239 expectation maximization algorithm (McLachlan and Krishnan 1997). For EAI-36, three  
240 manifest indicators of each scale were used, whereas for EAI-24 two manifest indicators were  
241 used for each latent variable. Different fit indices were used to evaluate and compare model  
242 fit, including the likelihood ratio test (chi-square test), the normed chi-square (chi-square to  
243 degrees of freedom ratio,  $\chi^2/df$ ), the root mean square error of approximation (RMSEA), the

244 standardized root mean square residual (SRMR), the comparative fit index (CFI), the  
245 expected cross-validation index (ECVI) and the consistent Akaike information criterion  
246 (CAIC). Normed chi-square between 1.0 and 5.0 (Schumacker and Lomax 1996), RMSEA <  
247 0.06 and SRMR < 0.08 (Hu and Bentler 1999), and CFI  $\geq$  0.90 (Carlson and Mulaik 1993)  
248 were considered as indicators of good model fit. In addition, when comparing multiple  
249 models, lower ECVI and CAIC values reflected the better-fitting model (Schermele-Engel  
250 et al. 2003). Confidence intervals for RMSEA and ECVI were also computed, to assess the  
251 precision of the estimates.

252 Models tested with CFA included: 1) EAI-24-PT, the 24-item, 12 scales version  
253 suggested by Milfont and Duckitt (2010); 2) EAI-36-PT, the brief version with 36 items and  
254 12 scales. We also tested two models that did not include scales 5 and 12, as suggested by  
255 Domingues et al. (n.d.), given that these scales were uncorrelated with the other scales in a  
256 previous study, suggesting that they are not related with environmental attitudes; models  
257 tested were 3) EAI-20-PT, a 20-item, 10-scale version, and 4) EAI-30-PT, a 30-item, 10-scale  
258 version. For each of the 12 and 10-scale models, two measurement models that included  
259 second-order factors, first-order factors (latent variables) and their indicators (measured  
260 variables) were tested: model A with two correlated second-order factors (preservation and  
261 utilisation); and model B with one second-order factor (generalised environmental attitudes).

262 After selection of the most appropriate short version of the Portuguese EAI,  
263 correlations between scales were evaluated with Pearson's correlations. Significant  
264 differences among different socio-demographic groups (age, gender, study area) were tested  
265 with independent samples *t*-tests; homogeneity of variances was tested with Levene's tests.  
266 The model of ecological values (Wiseman and Bogner 2003) was used to distribute  
267 participants along orthogonal axes of utilisation *versus* preservation; responses on a 7-point

268 scale were transformed by subtracting 4, hence obtaining a response scale ranging between -3  
269 and +3.

270 Statistical analyses were considered at a 0.05 significance level. Effect sizes were  
271 computed with G\*Power software. All other analyses were performed with IBM SPSS  
272 Statistics v. 22 and AMOS v.22.

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## 274 **Results**

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276 Cronbach's alpha coefficients, means, standard deviations, skewness and kurtosis for  
277 the twelve scales and second-order factors of EAI-36 and EAI-24 are presented in Table 1.

278 Overall, EAI-36 scales presented higher internal consistency (alpha coefficients between  
279 0.578 and 0.862) than EAI-24 scales (alpha coefficients between 0.414 and 0.851). Skewness  
280 and kurtosis absolute values (<2 and <4, respectively) indicated no deviations from  
281 normality. Average variance explained (AVE) and composite reliability (CR) were computed  
282 to assess convergent and discriminant validity. Most scales of EAI-36 (but not scales 2, 4, 6,  
283 10 and 11) presented  $AVE \geq 0.5$  and  $CR \geq 0.7$ , indicating convergent related validity (Table  
284 II). Regarding EAI-24, only scale 1 met the criteria for convergent related validity.

285 Discriminant validity was evaluated between preservation and utilisation scales;  
286 determination coefficients between P and U scales varied between .00 and .37 for EAI-36;  
287 except in one case (between scales 2 and 10), all  $R^2$  were lower than the AVE of the scales,  
288 suggesting discriminant validity between the preservation and utilisation scales (Table 2).

289 All versions of EAI, either with 36 items and 12 scales (EAI-36-PT), 30 items and 10  
290 scales (EAI-30-PT), 24 items and 12 scales (EAI-24-PT), or 20 items and 10 scales (EAI-20-  
291 PT), demonstrated adequate fit (Table 3), with  $\chi^2/df$  between 2.0 and 3.0, RMSEA < .06,  
292 SRMR < .08 and CFI > .90. Comparing models A with two correlated second-order factors

293 (preservation and utilisation) and models B with one second-order factor (GEA), the only  
294 noteworthy differences are in CAIC and ECVI fit indices; lower ECVI and CAIC values  
295 suggest a better fit of models A. Overall, all tested models presented adequate fit indices.  
296 Given that EAI-36 is more comprehensive than EAI-24 (3 items vs. 2 items per scale) and  
297 EAI-36 models presented lower RMSEA and SRMR and higher CFI values, we chose the 36-  
298 item version for the subsequent description of environmental attitudes in our sample.

299 Therefore, environmental attitudes in a Portuguese sample ( $n = 651$ ) were evaluated  
300 with the 36-item version of EAI-PT on a 7-point scale. Mean values for the seven  
301 preservation scales (scales 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 11 and 12) varied between 3.06 ( $SD = 1.56$ ) and 6.33  
302 ( $SD = 0.84$ ), and mean values for the five utilisation scales (scales 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10) varied  
303 between 2.15 ( $SD = 1.08$ ) and 4.03 ( $SD = 1.23$ ). Preservation, utilisation and GEA mean  
304 values were 5.53 ( $SD = 0.64$ ), 2.96 ( $SD = 0.75$ ) and 5.32 ( $SD = 0.61$ ), respectively (Table 1).  
305 Considering preservation and utilisation as orthogonal dimensions, most participants fell on  
306 the preservation+ utilisation- quadrant, representing the ecocentric viewpoint (Figure 1).

307 Most EAI scales showed significant moderate and strong intercorrelations ( $|r| > 0.4$ ;  
308 Table 4). Scales 5 (confidence in science and technology) and 12 (support for population  
309 growth policies) did not correlate with any of the other scales ( $|r| < 0.2$ ). Preservation and  
310 utilisation were moderately and negatively correlated ( $r = -.57$ ,  $n = 651$ ,  $p < .001$ ). Significant  
311 differences in environmental attitudes between socio-demographic groups were found (Table  
312 5). Overall, women ( $n = 515$ ) scored higher on the preservation scales and lower on the  
313 utilisation scales in relation to men ( $n = 135$ ); these gender differences were significant ( $p <$   
314  $0.05$ ) and the effect sizes were medium or large ( $d > 0.50$ ) for seven EAI scales and for the  
315 three second-order factors (Table 5). Regarding age, the sample was divided in two groups  
316 for comparisons: participants aged 30 years or less ( $n = 313$ ) and participants over 30 years  
317 old ( $n = 334$ ). Significant differences were found between the two groups for all scales and

318 second-order factors, except scales 3 and 5. Older participants scored higher on the  
319 preservation scales and lower on the utilisation scales than younger participants; effect sizes  
320 were medium or large for five of the EAI scales and for utilisation and GEA (Table 5). We  
321 also compared environmental attitudes between participants with a background in the natural  
322 sciences (n = 54) and the other participants (n = 427). Only a few significant differences were  
323 found in the EAI scales (scales 2, 3, 7, 9, 11 and 12) and most effect sizes were small ( $d <$   
324  $0.50$ ). Significant differences were also observed for the three second-order factors, with  
325 medium effect sizes for preservation and GEA (Table 5). Overall, participants from the  
326 natural sciences scored higher in the preservation and GEA scales than participants from  
327 other study areas.

328         Despite the observed differences in EAI scales for specific socio-demographic groups,  
329 comparison of Pearson's correlations between preservation and utilisation attitudes yield no  
330 significant differences between gender (women:  $r = -.54$ ,  $n = 515$ ,  $p < .001$ ; men:  $r = -.53$ ,  $n =$   
331  $135$ ,  $p < .001$ ) and study area (natural sciences:  $r = -.38$ ,  $n = 54$ ,  $p < .005$ ; other areas:  $r = -$   
332  $.48$ ,  $n = 427$ ,  $p < .001$ ). The only significant differences in P vs. U correlation were found for  
333 age groups, with a significantly higher correlation ( $p < .01$ ) found for participants aged 30  
334 years or less ( $r = -.60$ ,  $n = 334$ ,  $p < .001$ ) in relation to older participants ( $r = -.44$ ,  $n = 313$ ,  $p$   
335  $< .001$ ).

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## 337 **Discussion**

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339         This study aimed to compare two different short versions of Milfont and Duckitt's  
340 (2010) Environmental Attitudes Inventory and evaluate environmental attitudes in a  
341 Portuguese sample. Models tested were based on 24- and 36-item short versions of the  
342 Portuguese adaptation of EAI. Regarding the vertical structure of environmental attitudes,

343 models with two correlated second-order factors (preservation and utilisation) were slightly  
344 better fitting than models with one second-order factor (GEA), suggesting that an orthogonal  
345 structure for second-order factors is more adequate than a bipolar construct with utilisation  
346 and preservation attitudes at opposite ends. Other studies have found that the structure with  
347 two second-order factors is better fitting than the one second-order factor, but the differences  
348 are minimal (e.g., Milfont, Duckitt, & Wagner, 2010); empirical and theoretical evidence  
349 supporting both models exist (see Milfont et al., 2010 and references therein).

350         Our results reflect Wiseman and Bogner's (2003) view of preservation and utilisation  
351 as contrasting and complementary, not opposing dimensions. Therefore, one view is not  
352 necessarily the antithesis of the other and people can possess both beliefs. Milfont and  
353 Duckitt (2004) suggested that the correlation between preservation and utilisation might be  
354 positive in developing countries where poverty and underdevelopment are major social  
355 issues, whereas people from first world countries may consider preservation and utilisation as  
356 opposites and hence the two factors are negatively correlated.

357         Indeed, in industrialised countries, the relationship between preservation and  
358 utilisation is usually moderate and negative. For instance, Milfont (2007) estimated  
359 correlation coefficients of -.68, -.57 and -.54 in New Zealand, Brazil and South Africa,  
360 respectively, with higher scores for preservation attitudes. A moderate and negative  
361 correlation of -.57 was also found for an Australian sample (O'Callaghan et al. 2012). Other  
362 studies that used the 2-factor Model of Environmental Attitudes (2-MEV; Bogner &  
363 Wiseman, 2006) for the measurement of preservation and utilisation in adolescents and  
364 children have found moderate (-.45: Johnson & Manoli, 2010) and negligible (-.036: Boeve-  
365 de Pauw & Van Petegem, 2011) correlations between these second-order factors.

366         In our Portuguese sample, preservation and utilisation were also moderately and  
367 negatively correlated ( $r = -.57$ ), with most participants falling on the P+ U- quadrant; this

368 suggests that people are greatly concerned with the conservation of the natural environment  
369 and are apathetic towards the utilisation of the environment to fulfil humans' needs, thus  
370 expressing ecocentric values (Wiseman and Bogner 2003). However, the fact that in most  
371 studies preservation scores higher than utilisation can be an artifact caused by social  
372 desirability, *i.e.*, people will tend to give socially desirable responses. It has been shown that  
373 responses regarding environmental attitudes can be contaminated by social desirability  
374 (Kaiser et al. 1999), particularly preservation scales (Wiseman and Bogner 2003). Milfont  
375 (2007) has found that the influence of social desirability seems to be restricted to aspects of  
376 proenvironmental behaviour (particularly scales 1, 3 and 8 of EAI), but other preservation  
377 and utilisation scales are free from its effects.

378         Regarding the horizontal structure of environmental attitudes, the removal of scales 5  
379 (confidence in science and technology) and 12 (support for population growth policies) from  
380 the Portuguese version of the Environmental Attitudes Inventory has been proposed  
381 (Domingues et al., n.d.). These scales did not correlate with any of the other EAI scales (this  
382 study:  $.02 \leq |r| \leq .17$ ), suggesting that attitudes towards science and technology, and control  
383 of population growth are not related to attitudes towards the environment in the Portuguese  
384 sample. The lack of relationship between environmental attitudes and confidence in science  
385 and technology in our sample should be further explored, because confidence in science has  
386 emerged as a key variable explaining attitudes towards several environmental issues,  
387 particularly climate change (Miller 2004). Conversely, the lack of correlation between  
388 environmental attitudes and support for population growth policies is justifiable, given that  
389 overpopulation is not a problem in Portugal (Domingues et al. n.d.).

390         Overall, participants scored higher in the preservation scales ( $M = 5.53$ ,  $SD = 0.64$ ) in  
391 relation to the utilisation ones ( $M = 2.96$ ,  $SD = 0.75$ ). Scales with the highest scores were  
392 enjoyment of nature, conservation policies, environmental fragility, personal conservation

393 behaviours and ecocentric concern ( $M > 6.00$ ), whereas scales with the lowest scores were  
394 anthropocentric concern, human dominance over nature and human utilisation of nature ( $M <$   
395  $3.00$ ). A comparison of our data with a worldwide sample (that could be considered as  
396 representative of the world) and with a Brazilian sample (given the common language and  
397 some cultural proximity) yields slight differences in some scales (Table 6); for instance, the  
398 Portuguese sample shows the highest scores for enjoyment of nature (scale 1), environmental  
399 fragility (scale 6) and personal conservation behaviours (scale 8), and the lowest scores for  
400 anthropocentric concern (scale 4), human dominance over nature (scale 9), human utilisation  
401 of nature (scale 10) and support for population growth policies (scale 12), but when  
402 environmental attitudes are taken as a whole, these differences are probably not significant.  
403 However, cross-cultural differences in environmental attitudes have been found in other  
404 studies; for instance, stronger environmental concern was observed in a collectivist, past-  
405 oriented country in relation to an individualist, future-oriented one (Sarigöllü 2009).  
406 Environmental concern has been associated with postmaterialistic shifts in cultural values in  
407 developed societies, but research has shown that developing countries are also highly  
408 concerned about the environment (see Rauwald & Moore, 2002 and references therein).

409       Socio-demographic variables can be important predictors of environmental attitudes.  
410 In the Portuguese sample, significant differences in environmental attitudes associated with  
411 age, gender and study area were observed. Regarding age, older participants ( $\geq 30$  years old)  
412 scored significantly higher in the preservation attitudes and lower in the utilisation attitudes  
413 than younger participants. Results across the literature have been inconsistent regarding age,  
414 with many studies indicating that younger people are more environmentally concerned than  
415 older people (Theodori and Luloff 2002; Van Liere and Dunlap 1980), while other studies  
416 indicate a positive relationship between age and environmental attitudes (e.g., Mayer &  
417 Frantz, 2004). Significant gender differences were also found in this study, with women

418 scoring higher on preservation attitudes and lower on utilisation attitudes in relation to men.  
419 These results are in agreement with a significant body of literature that demonstrates that  
420 women, as a result of differences in personality and values, particularly in altruistic values  
421 (Dietz et al. 2002), tend to be more environmentally concerned than men (Seebauer et al.  
422 2017; Theodori and Luloff 2002; Zelezny et al. 2000), but not always (McFarlane and Hunt  
423 2006).

424 Finally, we considered Milfont's (2007) hypothesis that biology students are probably  
425 more environmentally concerned than students from other areas or the general population,  
426 and tested for differences between participants with a background in the natural sciences and  
427 participants from other study areas. Indeed, significant differences were found for  
428 preservation and utilisation second-order factors, with participants from the natural sciences  
429 scoring higher in P and lower in U. Other studies have also observed that students enrolled in  
430 environment-related areas were more environmentally concerned than students from other  
431 study areas (Heyl et al. 2013).

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## 433 **Conclusions**

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435 In this study we compared two different short versions of the Environmental Attitudes  
436 Inventory, a 24-item version and a 36-item version. Both versions demonstrated appropriate  
437 psychometric properties, and we chose the more comprehensive 36-item version to further  
438 explore environmental attitudes in Portugal. Overall, the Portuguese sample showed high  
439 scores on the preservation scales and low values on the utilisation scales, falling on the P+U-  
440 quadrant of Wiseman and Bogner's (2003) model of ecological values. This suggests that our  
441 Portuguese sample express ecocentric values, being primarily concerned with the  
442 conservation of the natural environment and apathetic in regard to the utilisation of nature for

443 human purposes. The correlation between preservation and utilisation was moderate and  
444 negative, similar to values observed in other developed countries. Scores on the twelve scales  
445 of EAI were also similar to values observed in other developed countries. Socio-demographic  
446 differences in environmental attitudes were found in our Portuguese sample; overall, older  
447 people and women had significantly higher pro-environmental attitudes than younger  
448 participants and men. Participants with a background in the natural sciences also  
449 demonstrated higher environmental attitudes in relation to participants from other study areas.  
450 A more thorough exploration of the nomological network of environmental attitudes,  
451 including socio-demographic, psychological and political variables, should follow, in order to  
452 understand the basis of environmental attitudes in Portugal, as well as the relationships  
453 between environmental attitudes and observed proenvironmental behaviour. This knowledge  
454 is relevant in the context of global environmental change, given that only with a systematic  
455 understanding of the determinants of behavioural intentions and proenvironmental behaviour  
456 can we address maladaptive behaviours and, thus, contribute to the amelioration of  
457 environmental problems.

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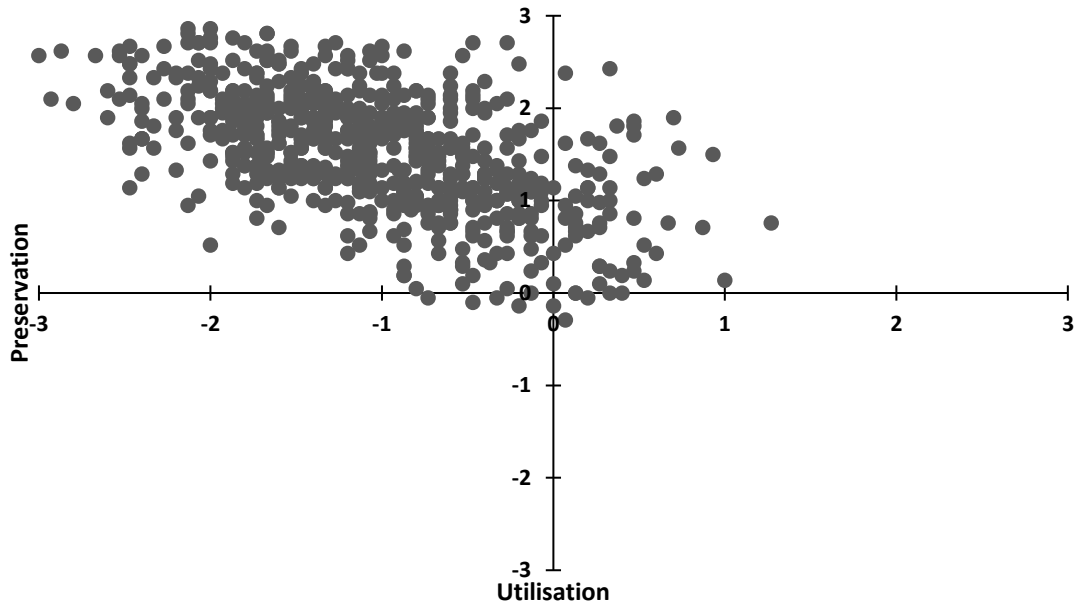
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678 **Fig. 1** Distribution of participants along orthogonal axes of utilisation versus preservation,  
679 according to the model of ecological values (Wiseman & Bogner, 2003). n = 651

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696 Table 1 – Internal consistency (Cronbach’s alpha) and descriptive statistics (mean; standard  
697 deviation, SD; skewness; kurtosis) for the 12 scales and second-order factors of EAI-36 (n =  
698 651) and EAI-24 (n = 601). P (preservation) refers to mean scores for scales 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 11  
699 and 12; U (utilisation) refers to mean scores for scales 4, 5, 7, 9, and 10; GEA (general  
700 environmental attitudes) is the aggregation of the preservation and reversed utilization items.  
701 EAI-36 and EAI-24 used different scales (7-point and 5-point scales, respectively).

	alpha		mean		SD		skewness		kurtosis	
	EAI-36	EAI-24	EAI-36	EAI-24	EAI-36	EAI-24	EAI-36	EAI-24	EAI-36	EAI-24
<b>S01</b>	.839	.611	6.33	4.72	0.84	0.49	-1.36	-1.98	1.32	3.77
<b>S02</b>	.715	.758	6.10	4.34	0.85	0.72	-0.85	-0.95	0.01	0.46
<b>S03</b>	.843	.851	4.69	3.71	1.29	0.97	-0.23	-0.50	-0.07	-0.19
<b>P S06</b>	.726	.508	6.15	4.69	0.83	0.52	-0.90	-1.86	0.11	3.09
<b>S08</b>	.862	.839	6.24	4.34	0.84	0.67	-0.96	-0.84	0.17	0.04
<b>S11</b>	.602	.482	6.14	4.53	0.80	0.59	-0.82	-1.16	-0.09	0.60
<b>S12</b>	.858	.749	3.06	1.73	1.56	0.89	0.49	1.28	-0.52	1.30
<b>S04</b>	.659	.414	2.15	1.42	1.08	0.64	0.81	1.52	-0.36	1.41
<b>S05</b>	.723	.766	4.03	3.03	1.23	0.98	-0.27	-0.14	-0.29	-0.34
<b>U S07</b>	.619	.758	3.96	2.67	1.26	0.98	-0.21	0.14	-0.33	-0.21
<b>S09</b>	.838	.834	2.38	1.44	1.27	0.71	0.70	1.69	-0.43	2.27
<b>S10</b>	.578	.489	2.25	2.36	0.99	0.77	0.50	-0.38	-0.49	-0.87
<b>P</b>	.730	.682	5.53	4.01	0.64	0.42	-0.29	-0.50	-0.30	-0.04
<b>P-12</b>	.827	.737	5.94	4.39	0.68	0.45	-0.65	-0.74	-0.01	0.12
<b>U</b>	.637	.451	2.96	2.18	0.75	0.46	0.16	0.10	-0.34	0.57
<b>U-5</b>	.696	.501	2.69	1.97	0.84	0.50	0.26	0.36	-0.54	0.01
<b>GEA</b>	.795	.703	5.32	4.13	0.61	0.40	-0.26	-0.43	-0.42	-0.16
<b>GEA-5-12</b>	.856	.753	5.69	4.24	0.67	0.38	-0.45	-0.52	-0.36	-0.18

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704 Table 2 – Average variance explained (AVE) and composite reliability (CR) for the 12 scales  
 705 of EAI-36 and EAI-24.

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		AVE		CR	
		EAI-36	EAI-24	EAI-36	EAI-24
<b>Preservation</b>	<b>S01</b>	.60	.63	.82	.77
	<b>S02</b>	.34	.64	.60	.60
	<b>S03</b>	.66	.58	.86	.56
	<b>S06</b>	.34	.26	.61	.29
	<b>S08</b>	.60	.57	.82	.55
	<b>S11</b>	.23	.26	.47	.29
	<b>S12</b>	.76	.78	.91	.68
<b>Utilisation</b>	<b>S04</b>	.33	.45	.58	.45
	<b>S05</b>	.63	.79	.84	.69
	<b>S07</b>	.52	.73	.76	.66
	<b>S09</b>	.62	.75	.83	.67
	<b>S10</b>	.26	.56	.51	.55

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Table 3 – Fit indices for different measurement models of the Portuguese brief versions of the Environmental Attitudes Inventory: EAI-36-PT (36 items, 12 scales, 3 items/scale), EAI-30-PT (30 items, 10 scales, 3 items/scale), EAI-24 (24 items, 12 scales, 2 items/scale) and EAI-20 (20 items, 10 scales, 2 items/scale). For each brief version of EAI, two measurement models were tested: model A with two correlated second-order factors (preservation and utilization), and model B with one second-order factor (GEA).  $\chi^2$  – chi-square (all chi-square statistics are significant with  $p < 0.001$ ); df – degrees of freedom; RMSEA – root mean square error of approximation; SRMR – standardized root mean square residual; CFI – comparative fit index; ECVI – expected cross-validation index; CAIC – consistent Akaike information criterion; 90% CI – 90% confidence interval. Models EAI-36-PT-A and EAI-30-PT-B have 2 less indicators than the corresponding models B, due to Heywood cases.

	<b>model</b>	<b>no. indicators</b>	<b><math>\chi^2</math></b>	<b>df</b>	<b><math>\chi^2/df</math></b>	<b>RMSEA (90% CI)</b>	<b>SRMR</b>	<b>CFI</b>	<b>ECVI (90% CI)</b>	<b>CAIC</b>
EAI-36-PT n = 651	<b>A</b>	34	1098.19	514	2.14	.042 (.038-.045)	.053	.938	1.94 (1.80-2.09)	1703.95
	<b>B</b>	36	1270.44	580	2.19	.043 (.040-.046)	.054	.931	2.22 (2.07-2.38)	1913.59
EAI-30-PT n = 651	<b>A</b>	28	731.64	339	2.16	.042 (.038-.046)	.049	.950	1.33 (1.22-1.56)	1232.52
	<b>B</b>	30	882.71	393	2.25	.044 (.040-.048)	.050	.942	1.58 (1.45-1.72)	1421.16
EAI-24-PT n = 601	<b>A</b>	24	595.06	240	2.48	.050 (.045-.055)	.065	.916	1.19 (1.08-1.32)	1038.98
	<b>B</b>	24	630.60	241	2.62	.052 (.047-.057)	.067	.908	1.25 (1.13-1.38)	1067.12
EAI-20-PT n = 601	<b>A</b>	20	361.89	159	2.28	.046 (.040-.052)	.046	.943	0.77 (0.69-0.87)	739.22
	<b>B</b>	20	397.12	160	2.48	.050 (.044-.056)	.049	.934	0.83 (0.74-0.93)	767.05

Table 4 – Intercorrelations of the EAI-36 scales. Significant correlations are marked with \* for  $p < 0.05$  and \*\* for  $p < 0.01$  (two-tailed). Moderate and strong correlations ( $r > 0.40$ ) are in bold.  $n = 651$ .

	preservation							utilisation				
	1	2	3	6	8	11	12	4	5	7	9	10
1	-											
2	<b>.50**</b>	-										
3	.38**	.38**	-									
6	<b>.44**</b>	<b>.63**</b>	.33**	-								
8	<b>.42**</b>	<b>.58**</b>	.37**	<b>.50**</b>	-							
11	<b>.52**</b>	<b>.66**</b>	.39**	<b>.57**</b>	<b>.53**</b>	-						
12	.02	.05	.16**	.13**	-.03	.08*	-					
4	-.32**	<b>-.53**</b>	-.22**	<b>-.44**</b>	<b>-.40**</b>	<b>-.44**</b>	.05	-				
5	-.02	-.08*	.06	-.19**	-.05	-.10*	.04	.10**	-			
7	-.27**	-.28**	-.27**	-.20**	-.25**	-.27**	-.08*	.26**	.06	-		
9	-.31**	<b>-.46**</b>	-.23**	-.39**	-.34**	<b>-.44**</b>	-.05	<b>.46**</b>	.14**	.29**	-	
10	<b>-.43**</b>	<b>-.61**</b>	-.39**	<b>-.51**</b>	<b>-.45**</b>	<b>-.55**</b>	-.04	<b>.48**</b>	.17**	.33**	<b>.46**</b>	-

Table 5 – Independent samples *t*-tests for gender (women vs. men), age (<30 vs. ≥30 yrs.) and study area (natural sciences vs. other areas), for the twelve Environmental Attitudes Inventory scales and second-order factors (P = preservation, U = utilisation, GEA = generalized environmental attitudes). *t* – *t*-test statistics; *df* – degrees of freedom; *p* – *p*-value; *d* – Cohen’s *d*. *p*-values and Cohen’s *d* in bold represent significant differences ( $p < .50$ ) and medium or large effect sizes ( $d \geq 0.50$ ), respectively.

	Gender				Age				Study area			
	women <i>n</i> = 515		men <i>n</i> = 135		<30 <i>n</i> = 313		≥30 <i>n</i> = 334		natural sci. <i>n</i> = 54		other areas <i>n</i> = 427	
	<i>t</i>	<i>df</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>df</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>df</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>d</i>
<b>P</b>	6.39	648	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.60</b>	-5.65	630.91	<b>&lt;.001</b>	0.44	4.26	479	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.65</b>
<b>S01</b>	4.42	184.7 2	<b>&lt;.001</b>	0.45	-4.49	637.08	<b>&lt;.001</b>	0.35	1.38	479	.169	0.21
<b>S02</b>	5.83	183.2 1	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.60</b>	-8.40	633.73	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.66</b>	2.08	479	<b>.039</b>	0.31
<b>S03</b>	4.40	221.5 1	<b>&lt;.001</b>	0.42	-1.38	625.88	.169	0.11	5.11	479	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.80</b>
<b>S06</b>	5.55	648	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.52</b>	-4.70	633.94	<b>&lt;.001</b>	0.37	1.84	479	.066	0.28
<b>S08</b>	7.40	180.2 7	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.76</b>	-9.06	606.58	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.71</b>	1.00	479	.320	0.15
<b>S11</b>	5.43	187.7 3	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.66</b>	-8.06	611.66	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.63</b>	2.38	479	<b>.018</b>	0.36
<b>S12</b>	-2.00	229.1 0	<b>.046</b>	0.19	2.98	645	<b>.003</b>	0.23	2.79	479	<b>.005</b>	0.40
<b>U</b>	-8.40	648	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.82</b>	8.52	640.84	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.67</b>	- 2.10	479	<b>.036</b>	0.32
<b>S04</b>	-7.10	186.5 6	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.72</b>	8.71	612.36	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.68</b>	- 1.66	479	.097	0.25
<b>S05</b>	-2.76	648	<b>.006</b>	0.27	1.97	618.25	.050	0.16	1.77	479	.077	0.25
<b>S07</b>	-4.19	228.8 4	<b>&lt;.001</b>	0.39	5.24	645	<b>&lt;.001</b>	0.41	- 3.16	479	<b>.002</b>	<b>0.57</b>
<b>S09</b>	-4.97	188.0 9	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.50</b>	4.87	641.85	<b>&lt;.001</b>	0.38	- 2.57	479	<b>.010</b>	0.40
<b>S10</b>	-7.00	648	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.66</b>	6.66	643.15	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.52</b>	- 0.97	479	.334	0.14
<b>GEA</b>	8.36	648	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.80</b>	-7.93	626.96	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.62</b>	3.79	479	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>0.58</b>

Table 6 – Mean values (M) and standard deviations (SD) for the EAI scales and second-order factors obtained in our and other studies. Worldwide and Brazil data is from Milfont and Duckitt (2010). All studies used a 7-point response scale. n = number of participants.

	<b>our study</b>		<b>worldwide<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>Brazil<sup>1</sup></b>	
	n = 651		n = 468		n = 229	
	M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
<b>P</b>	5.53	0.64	5.55	0.72	5.60	0.62
<b>1</b>	6.33	0.84	6.11	0.97	5.78	0.97
<b>2</b>	6.10	0.85	6.02	0.94	6.18	0.62
<b>3</b>	4.69	1.29	5.17	1.30	5.34	0.99
<b>6</b>	6.15	0.83	5.46	1.03	5.82	0.76
<b>8</b>	6.24	0.84	5.82	0.96	5.48	0.85
<b>11</b>	6.14	0.80	6.13	0.83	6.21	0.63
<b>12</b>	3.06	1.56	4.12	1.46	4.41	1.17
<b>U</b>	2.96	0.75	3.18	0.53	3.37	0.68
<b>4</b>	2.15	1.08	3.51	0.86	3.59	0.79
<b>5</b>	4.03	1.23	3.63	1.27	4.17	0.97
<b>7</b>	3.96	1.26	3.55	1.01	3.68	0.88
<b>9</b>	2.38	1.27	2.54	1.37	2.39	1.04
<b>10</b>	2.25	0.99	2.67	1.05	3.01	0.72

<b>EAI-36-PT</b>	<b>Original version (Milfont &amp; Duckitt, 2010)</b>
<p><i>Escala 01. Apreciação da natureza</i></p> <p>02. Eu gosto mesmo de passear pelo campo, por exemplo em florestas ou zonas rurais.</p> <p>05. Estar perto da natureza reduz-me o stresse.</p> <p>07. Gosto de passar tempo em espaços naturais, simplesmente porque gosto de estar no meio da natureza.</p>	<p><i>Scale 01. Enjoyment of nature</i></p> <p>02. I really like going on trips into the countryside, for example to forests or fields.</p> <p>05. Being out in nature is a great stress reducer for me.</p> <p>07. I enjoy spending time in natural settings just for the sake of being out in nature.</p>
<p><i>Escala 02. Apoio a políticas de conservação</i></p> <p>01. A indústria devia ser obrigada a usar materiais reciclados, mesmo quando a produção sai mais cara.</p> <p>04. No futuro, as pessoas nas sociedades desenvolvidas vão ter de adotar um estilo de vida mais adequado à conservação da natureza.</p> <p>06. Eu acho que as pessoas nas sociedades desenvolvidas vão ter de adotar um estilo de vida mais adequado à conservação da natureza no futuro.</p>	<p><i>Scale 02. Support for interventionist conservation policies</i></p> <p>01. Industry should be required to use recycled materials even when this costs more than making the same products from new raw materials.</p> <p>04. People in developed societies are going to have to adopt a more conserving life-style in the future.</p> <p>06. I don’t think people in developed societies are going to have to adopt a more conserving life-style in the future. (R)</p>
<p><i>Escala 03. Ativismo ambiental</i></p> <p>04. Eu seria capaz de me envolver numa organização ambientalista.</p> <p>05. A proteção do ambiente custa muito dinheiro. Estou disposto(a) a ajudar em campanhas de recolha de fundos.</p> <p>09. Eu gostaria de apoiar uma organização ambientalista.</p>	<p><i>Scale 03. Environmental movement activism</i></p> <p>04. I would NOT get involved in an environmentalist organization. (R)</p> <p>05. Environmental protection costs a lot of money. I am prepared to help out in a fund-raising effort.</p> <p>09. I would like to support an environmental organization.</p>
<p><i>Escala 04. Conservação motivada por preocupações antropocêntricas</i></p> <p>02. A pior coisa da perda da floresta tropical é que vai limitar o desenvolvimento de novos medicamentos.</p> <p>03. Uma das razões mais importantes para manter os rios e lagos limpos é para que as pessoas possam praticar desportos aquáticos.</p> <p>09. Precisamos de manter os rios e lagos limpos para proteger o ambiente, e não para termos lugares para as pessoas praticarem desportos aquáticos. (R)</p>	<p><i>Scale 04. Conservation motivated by anthropocentric concern</i></p> <p>02. The worst thing about the loss of the rain forest is that it will restrict the development of new medicines.</p> <p>03. One of the most important reasons to keep lakes and rivers clean is so that people have a place to enjoy water sports.</p> <p>09. We need to keep rivers and lakes clean in order to protect the environment, and not as places for people to enjoy water sports. (R)</p>
<p><i>Escala 05. Confiança na ciência e tecnologia</i></p> <p>02. A ciência e a tecnologia irão eventualmente resolver os nossos problemas de poluição, excesso de população e escassez de recursos naturais.</p> <p>04. A ciência moderna não será capaz de resolver os nossos problemas ambientais. (R)</p> <p>10. A ciência moderna irá resolver os nossos problemas ambientais.</p>	<p><i>Scale 05. Confidence in science and technology</i></p> <p>02. Science and technology will eventually solve our problems with pollution, overpopulation, and diminishing resources.</p> <p>04. Modern science will not be able to solve our environmental problems. (R)</p> <p>10. Modern science will solve our environmental problems.</p>
<p><i>Escala 06. Fragilidade ambiental</i></p>	<p><i>Scale 06. Environmental fragility</i></p>

<p>01. Se as coisas continuarem neste rumo, em breve estaremos perante uma grande catástrofe ecológica.</p> <p>05. Os seres humanos estão a abusar gravemente do ambiente.</p> <p>09. Acredito que os seres humanos abusaram severamente do ambiente.</p>	<p>01. If things continue on their present course, we will soon experience a major ecological catastrophe.</p> <p>05. Humans are severely abusing the environment.</p> <p>09. I do not believe that the environment has been severely abused by humans. (R)</p>
<p><i>Escala 07. Alteração da natureza</i></p> <p>03. Eu prefiro um jardim pouco cuidado e natural a um bem tratado e organizado. (R)</p> <p>06. Eu prefiro um jardim bem tratado e organizado a um não tratado e natural.</p> <p>09. A relva e as ervas daninhas a crescer entre as pedras do pavimento dão realmente um ar descuidado.</p>	<p><i>Scale 07. Altering nature</i></p> <p>03. I'd prefer a garden that is wild and natural to a well-groomed and ordered one. (R)</p> <p>06. I'd much prefer a garden that is well groomed and ordered to a wild and natural one.</p> <p>09. Grass and weeds growing between pavement stones really looks untidy.</p>
<p><i>Escala 08. Comportamentos pessoais de conservação</i></p> <p>01. Preocupo-me com a poupança de água e de outros recursos naturais.</p> <p>07. No meu dia-a-dia, tento encontrar formas de poupar água ou energia.</p> <p>09. Sempre que possível, tento poupar recursos naturais.</p>	<p><i>Scale 08. Personal conservation behaviour</i></p> <p>01. I could not be bothered to save water or other natural resources. (R)</p> <p>07. In my daily life I try to find ways to conserve water or power.</p> <p>09. Whenever possible, I try to save natural resources.</p>
<p><i>Escala 09. Dominância humana sobre a natureza</i></p> <p>01. Os seres humanos estão destinados a dominar a natureza.</p> <p>02. Os seres humanos foram criados ou evoluíram para dominar a natureza.</p> <p>09. Eu acredito que os seres humanos tenham sido criados ou evoluído para dominar a natureza.</p>	<p><i>Scale 09. Human dominance over nature</i></p> <p>01. Humans were meant to rule over the rest of nature.</p> <p>02. Human beings were created or evolved to dominate the rest of nature.</p> <p>09. I do not believe humans were created or evolved to dominate the rest of nature. (R)</p>
<p><i>Escala 10. Utilização humana da natureza</i></p> <p>03. Os seres humanos não têm o direito de danificar o ambiente apenas para alcançar um maior crescimento económico. (R)</p> <p>06. Nós não devíamos continuar a usar a natureza como um recurso para fins económicos. (R)</p> <p>09. A questão do ambiente é secundária face ao crescimento económico.</p>	<p><i>Scale 10. Human utilization of nature</i></p> <p>03. Humans do NOT have the right to damage the environment just to get greater economic growth. (R)</p> <p>06. We should no longer use nature as a resource for economic purposes. (R)</p> <p>09. The question of the environment is secondary to economic growth.</p>
<p><i>Escala 11. Preocupação ecocêntrica</i></p> <p>05. Acredito que a proteção do ambiente é um assunto importante.</p> <p>09. Acredito que a natureza é um bem valioso por si só.</p> <p>10. Chateia-me que as florestas estejam a ser devastadas para a agricultura.</p>	<p><i>Scale 11. Ecocentric concern</i></p> <p>05. I do not believe protecting the environment is an important issue. (R)</p> <p>09. I do not believe nature is valuable for its own sake. (R)</p> <p>10. I don't get upset at the idea of forests being cleared for agriculture. (R)</p>
<p><i>Escala 12. Apoio a políticas de controlo de crescimento populacional</i></p> <p>03. As famílias deviam ser encorajadas a limitar o número de filhos a dois ou menos.</p> <p>04. Um casal deve ter tantos filhos quantos quiser, desde que possa cuidar adequadamente deles. (R)</p>	<p><i>Scale 12. Support for population growth policies</i></p> <p>03. Families should be encouraged to limit themselves to two children or less.</p> <p>04. A married couple should have as many children as they wish, as long as they can adequately provide for them. (R)</p>

05. O nosso Governo devia educar as pessoas sobre a importância de ter dois filhos ou menos.	05. Our government should educate people concerning the importance of having two children or less.
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Annex 2 – Items included in EAI-24-PT and corresponding items in Milfont and Duckitt’s original English version (Milfont & Duckitt, 2010). R = reversed items.

<b>EAI-24-PT</b>	<b>Original version (Milfont &amp; Duckitt, 2010)</b>
<i>Escala 01. Apreciação da natureza</i>	<i>Scale 01. Enjoyment of nature</i>
02. Eu gosto mesmo de passear pelo campo, por exemplo em florestas ou zonas rurais. 10. Acho aborrecido passar tempo na natureza. (R)	02. I really like going on trips into the countryside, for example to forests or fields. 10. I think spending time in nature is boring.
<i>Escala 02. Apoio a políticas de conservação</i>	<i>Scale 02. Support for interventionist conservation policies</i>
02. Os governos deviam controlar a taxa a que as matérias-primas são utilizadas, para garantir que duram tanto quanto possível. 10. Acho que os governos devem controlar e regular a forma como as matérias-primas são usadas, para fazê-las durar mais tempo.	02. Governments should control the rate at which raw materials are used to ensure that they last as long as possible. 10. I am opposed to governments controlling and regulating the way raw materials are used in order to try and make them last longer. (R)
<i>Escala 03. Ativismo ambiental</i>	<i>Scale 03. Environmental movement activism</i>
02. Eu gostaria de aderir e participar ativamente num grupo ambientalista. 04. Eu seria capaz de me envolver numa organização ambientalista.	02. I would like to join and actively participate in an environmentalist group. 04. I would not get involved in an environmentalist organization. (R)
<i>Escala 04. Conservação motivada por preocupações antropocêntricas</i>	<i>Scale 04. Conservation motivated by anthropocentric concern</i>
03. Uma das razões mais importantes para manter os rios e lagos limpos é para que as pessoas possam praticar desportos aquáticos. 09. Precisamos de manter os rios e lagos limpos para proteger o ambiente, e não para termos lugares para as pessoas praticarem desportos aquáticos. (R)	03. One of the most important reasons to keep lakes and rivers clean is so that people have a place to enjoy water sports. 09. We need to keep rivers and lakes clean in order to protect the environment, and not as places for people to enjoy water sports. (R)
<i>Escala 05. Confiança na ciência e tecnologia</i>	<i>Scale 05. Confidence in science and technology</i>
04. A ciência moderna não será capaz de resolver os nossos problemas ambientais. (R) 10. A ciência moderna irá resolver os nossos problemas ambientais.	04. Modern science will not be able to solve our environmental problems. (R) 10. Modern science will solve our environmental problems.
<i>Escala 06. Fragilidade ambiental</i>	<i>Scale 06. Environmental fragility</i>

05. Os seres humanos estão a abusar gravemente do ambiente. 09. Acredito que os seres humanos abusaram severamente do ambiente.	05. Humans are severely abusing the environment. 09. I do not believe that the environment has been severely abused by humans. (R)
<i>Escala 07. Alteração da natureza</i>  03. Eu prefiro um jardim pouco cuidado e natural a um bem tratado e organizado. (R) 06. Eu prefiro um jardim bem tratado e organizado a um não tratado e natural.	<i>Scale 07. Altering nature</i>  03. I'd prefer a garden that is wild and natural to a well-groomed and ordered one. (R) 06. I'd much prefer a garden that is well groomed and ordered to a wild and natural one.
<i>Escala 08. Comportamentos pessoais de conservação</i>  08. Eu sou o tipo de pessoa que se esforça para poupar recursos naturais. 09. Sempre que possível, tento poupar recursos naturais.	<i>Scale 08. Personal conservation behaviour</i>  08. I am not the kind of person who makes efforts to conserve natural resources. (R) 09. Whenever possible, I try to save natural resources.
<i>Escala 09. Dominância humana sobre a natureza</i>  02. Os seres humanos foram criados ou evoluíram para dominar a natureza. 09. Eu acredito que os seres humanos tenham sido criados ou evoluído para dominar a natureza.	<i>Scale 09. Human dominance over nature</i>  02. Human beings were created or evolved to dominate the rest of nature. 09. I do not believe humans were created or evolved to dominate the rest of nature. (R)
<i>Escala 10. Utilização humana da natureza</i>  02. Proteger o emprego das pessoas é mais importante do que proteger o ambiente. 07. Proteger o ambiente é mais importante do que proteger os empregos das pessoas.	<i>Scale 10. Human utilization of nature</i>  02. Protecting peoples' jobs is more important than protecting the environment. 07. Protecting the environment is more important than protecting peoples' jobs. (R)
<i>Escala 11. Preocupação ecocêntrica</i>  07. Fico triste por ver as florestas devastadas para a agricultura. 08. Fico triste por ver ambientes naturais destruídos.	<i>Scale 11. Ecocentric concern</i>  07. It makes me sad to see forests cleared for agriculture. 08. It does not make me sad to see natural environments destroyed. (R)
<i>Escala 12. Apoio a políticas de controlo de crescimento populacional</i>  03. As famílias deviam ser encorajadas a limitar o número de filhos a dois ou menos. 04. Um casal deve ter tantos filhos quantos quiser, desde que possa cuidar adequadamente deles. (R)	<i>Scale 12. Support for population growth policies</i>  03. Families should be encouraged to limit themselves to two children or less. 04. A married couple should have as many children as they wish, as long as they can adequately provide for them. (R)

