Outcome Theme 2: FRVs

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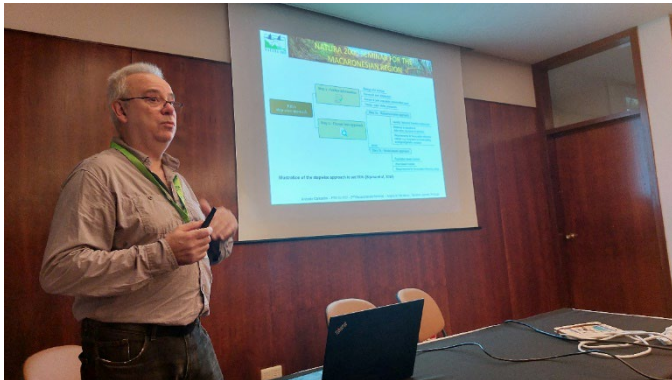Picture: Sandra Mesquita

- Some 14 participated in discussion Theme 2

- Introduction by Antonio Camacho – general principles FRVs

- Introduction Jorge Capelo – FRVs applied for Laurel forests

Question 1: How can favourable reference values be adapted to encompass the habitat differences specific to each of the three Macaronesian archipelagos?

- A common **understanding of habitat (sub) types** is needed across the region

- Subtypes should be covered by the Favorable Reference Area FRA

- RV should consider the different subtypes and **species associated** with them (incl fauna)!

- Balance between knowledge needed and conservation action – costs may prohibit final good FRVs, but continue work!

Question 2: How can site constraints to ecological succession be taken into account when setting FRVs and methodologies for their use?

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- Adaptive management essential, start conservation, also in the absence of good scientific data

- Multilevel management is important, and share this information across levels: site – island – Archipelago - BioRegion

- Large areas are essential for conservation planning, to cater for dynamics and mosaics of habitat types, also areas where succession is set-back – robust in view of climate change

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