



# Natura 2000 Seminar for the Macaronesian Region



8 – 10 November 2023  
Angra do Heroísmo, Portugal  
Final Program





## Preliminary programme Macaronesian seminar (Azores, Terceira), 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2023

### Introduction

The second Macaronesian Natura 2000 biogeographical seminar will take place from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November till Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. It will be hosted by the 'Secretaria Regional do Ambiente e Alterações Climáticas, Governo Regional dos Açores'.

The venue for the seminar is Terceira Mar Hotel, in Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira (Azores).

The latest version of the programme, the background document as well as other useful documents for the seminar can be found online, at the website: <https://biogeoprocess.net/macaronesian-region/>

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### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023:

Afternoon	
	Arrival of participants. Transfer by taxi to Seminar venue, Terceira Mar Hotel in Angra do Heroísmo



## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023:

<b>Morning</b>		Chair: Azores
8.00-9.00	Breakfast	
9.00-9.30	Official welcome & introductions by host and European Commission	
9.30-10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update from DG-ENV, the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process and the pledge process – Frank Vassen (DG Environment)</li> <li>Inspiration for the previous seminar: Review of the progress since the 1<sup>st</sup> Macaronesian seminar (Funchal). The Biogeographical Process in the Macaronesian region so far – Rafael Hildago (Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain)</li> <li>LIFE Program updates – João Salgado (ELMEN EEIG – IDOM)</li> <li>Overview of the seminar program – Sandra Mesquita (WENR)</li> </ul>	
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	
11.00-12.00	<b>Protected area targets:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where are we – inventory, overview, distance to target (EEA, ETC-BE) – Elena Osipova (EEA)</li> <li>Pitch talk from Spain, summarizing issues related to the pledge and approaches – Rafael Hidalgo (Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge)</li> <li>What science tells us about the identification of protected areas – Jutta Beher (NaturaConnect)</li> <li>Funding opportunities for conservation – Daniel Verissimo (NaturaConnect)</li> </ul>	
12.00–13.30	Lunch	
<b>Afternoon</b>		
14.30-15.00	<b>Conservation status improvement targets:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where are we – inventory, overview, distance to target (EEA, BGP) – Theo v/d Sluis (WENR)</li> <li>Pitch talks from Spain, summarizing issues related to the pledge and approaches – Rafael Hidalgo (Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge)</li> <li>LIFE BEST program -Alexandru-Ion CRACIUN (IUCN European Regional Office Brussels)</li> </ul>	
15.00-15.30	Coffee break	
Parallel sessions		
15.30- 17.30	<b>Working Group Session:</b>  Pilot action plan for a habitat type of community interest (Laurel forest type, H9360)	<b>Working Group Session:</b>  Maintenance of the ecological coherence of the Natura 2000 network in the Macaronesian region
<b>Evening</b>		
19.00-21.00	Buffet dinner & Knowledge Market (Poster session)  Presentation LIFE projects and other relevant projects	



## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023:

<b>Morning</b>		<b>Presentation</b>	
8.00-9.00	Breakfast		
<b>Parallel sessions 1 &amp; 2</b>			
9:00-10:30	<b>Theme 1: Ecological restoration of degraded areas</b>	<b>Theme 2: Favourable Reference Values for habitat types</b>	
9:00-9:30	Introductory presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rui Botelho (SPEA)</li> <li>Manuel Angel Vera Galvan (t.b.c.) (Canary Islands Government)</li> </ul>	Introductory presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jorge Capelo (INIAV)</li> <li>Antonio Camacho (University of Valencia)</li> </ul>	
9:30-10:30	Moderated session		Moderated session
10.30-10.45	Coffee break		
<b>Parallel session 3 &amp; 4</b>			
	<b>Theme 3: Invasive species control</b>	<b>Theme 4 - Conservation measures for fauna species – lessons from the past and ideas for the future</b>	
10.45-11.10	Introductory presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duarte Barreto (IFCN IP-RAM)</li> <li>João Salgado (ELMEN EEIG – IDOM)</li> </ul>	Introductory presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duarte Teixeira (IFCN IP-RAM)</li> <li>Azucena de la Cruz (SPEA Açores)</li> </ul>	
11.10-12.30	Moderated session		Moderated session
12.30-14.00	Lunch break		
<b>Afternoon</b>			
14:00-15:00	Reporting back – Working groups Day 1 Reporting back - Thematic sessions 1-4 Following the groups' feedback, there will be time for questions and a plenary discussion.		
15:00-15.45	Carousel: identifying issues to be pursued for the Macaronesian road map		
15:45-16.10	Coffee break		
16.10-16.30	Summarising Carrousel, identifying actions for Macaronesian road map		
16.30-16.45	Questions, discussions, evaluation		
16.45-17.00	Closing session: Vote of thanks, host organisation European Commission		

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2023:

<b>All day</b>	<b>Excursions</b>
8.00 - 9.00	Breakfast
9.00 – 17:30	Excursions: visit to LIFE IP projects. Departure by bus from the Hotel.
	Departure of some participants, drop-off by bus at the airport (appr. 16 hrs) Or, for those remaining, joint dinner at own cost in Angra do Heroísmo