



Blue Azores

Turning ocean plastic waste into green products for maritime industries.

Azores, Portugal

Overview

Focused on the conservation and sustainable use of natural marine resources in the Azores, the Blue Azores Programme will contribute to protecting, promoting, and valuing the natural capital of the Azores archipelago, in close collaboration with various partners.

On February 28th, 2019, the Regional Government of the Azores, the Oceano Azul Foundation, and the Waitt Institute signed a memorandum of understanding over the “Blue Azores” Programme, which will be developed and implemented over a period of 36 months following the signing of the memorandum.

For the duration there will be a focus on the conservation and sustainable use of resources, involving education, economics and fisheries management, as well as various local, regional, national and international partners. An important component is to create new opportunities for sustainable economic development in the Azores.

Results

- Declaring 15% of the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Azores as new marine protected areas;
- Creating and implementing management plans for new marine reserves and all existing marine protected areas;
- Developing and legally adopting a Marine Spatial Planning plan;
- Developing innovative studies and approaches contributing to the sustainable management of fisheries;
- Identifying new areas of interest for conservation, supporting scientific processes;
- Implementing a blue literacy program for schools and the community.

Funding sources:



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