



Ocean Conservation Fund

Portugal



Overview

Launched in 2017 by Oceanário de Lisboa and the Oceano Azul Foundation, the 'Ocean Conservation Fund' aims to address the critical challenges related to the conservation of marine ecosystems.

Awarded every year, unique conservation projects that strategically contribute to the conservation and knowledge of endangered species and marine biodiversity are financed.

The fund supports projects coordinated by a Portuguese institution, that may have Portuguese or international partners, and can be developed in Portugal or abroad.

Results

1 The first edition, themed "Rays and sharks. From darkness to the light of science", financed **€100,000 towards three projects**;

2 The second edition was called "Threatened Marine Species. From science to awareness". Funding increased to **€150,000 towards two projects** that focused on the conservation of sperm whales and their physiological condition in the insular waters of Macaronesia, and understanding the breeding location of the European eel by tagging specimens in the Azores;

3 The third edition, on the theme of "Marine Invertebrates. Protect the ocean, the future of the Planet", financed **€150,000 towards three projects**, that focused on the conservation of the limpet of the Selvagens, the creation of a cooperative for harvesting cockles in the Aveiro estuarine system, and the conservation of vulnerable coral and sponge ecosystems on the Portuguese continental shelf.

A fourth edition is planned, the theme and the application period is to be defined in 2020.

Project in figures

Total financing (first three editions): €400,000

Projects financed: Eight

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