PROGRAMME OF THE WORKSHOP

Platforms of opportunity as research vehicles: benefits and limitations

WHEN: 12th March 2016, between 14:15-17:30

WHERE*: Auditorium of Finances Court House (Tribunal de Contas).

Rua do Esmeraldo (Praça Colombo), nº 20-38, Funchal.
GPS coordinates: N32.64827 W16.90666

14:15 – **Registration.**

14:30 – **Overview and goals.** By Filipe Alves and Ana Dinis (CIIMAR-Madeira) and Luís Dias (Ventura | nature emotions)

14:50 – **Cargo ships as research vehicles in Macaronesia.** By Mafalda Correia (CIIMAR)

15:10 – **Whale-watching boats as research vehicles: Case study in SW Portugal.** By Sara Magalhães (Mar-Ilimitado)

15:30 – **High Quality Whale Watching(R) Certificate and its benefits regarding the collection of data on cetaceans species**. Short-talk, By Camille Montiglio (ACCOBAMS)

15:40 – **Fishing vessels as research vehicles – POPA Program in the Azores**. By Miguel Machete (DOP, University of Azores) & Luís Dias (Ventura | nature emotions)

16:00 – Coffee break.

16:15 – **Platforms of opportunity as research vehicles: the experience from the Fixed Line Transect network in the Mediterranean sea.** By Aurelie Moulins (ISPRA)

16:30 – **Data acquisition and management in platforms of opportunity: the MONICET case study.** By Marc Fernandez (University of Azores)

16:45 – **Using passenger ferries as opportunity platforms: cetavist-AVISTE.ME, the Canary Islands case.** By Crístel Suárez (ULL/BIOECOMAC)

17:00 – **General discussion.**

17.30 – End.

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