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RESEARCH FOCUS

- Multiscale dynamics and interactions in the North Atlantic ecosystem, with a specific focus on the Azorean ecoregion's role within the larger marine environment
- Human pressures on the Azorean ecosystem and their impact on key components
- Ecosystem-based assessments to promote sustainable fisheries and long-term ecosystem health

OUR OBJECTIVE

- Assess Azorean fisheries and their impacts on the ecosystem;
- Identify human pressures and explain their impact on key Azorean ecosystem components;
- Collect and analyse key information to implement ecosystem-based management measures that enhance and/or protect the resilience of ecosystems;
- Define sub-regions based on oceanographic and ecological units;
- Evaluate the sustainability of Azorean fisheries through holistic assessments and working with local and indigenous knowledge.

OUR EXPERTISE

We are a multidisciplinary team in the fields of benthic and pelagic ecology, oceanography, and fisheries that provides expert input towards the Fisheries Overview and Ecosystem Overview for the Azores ecoregion.