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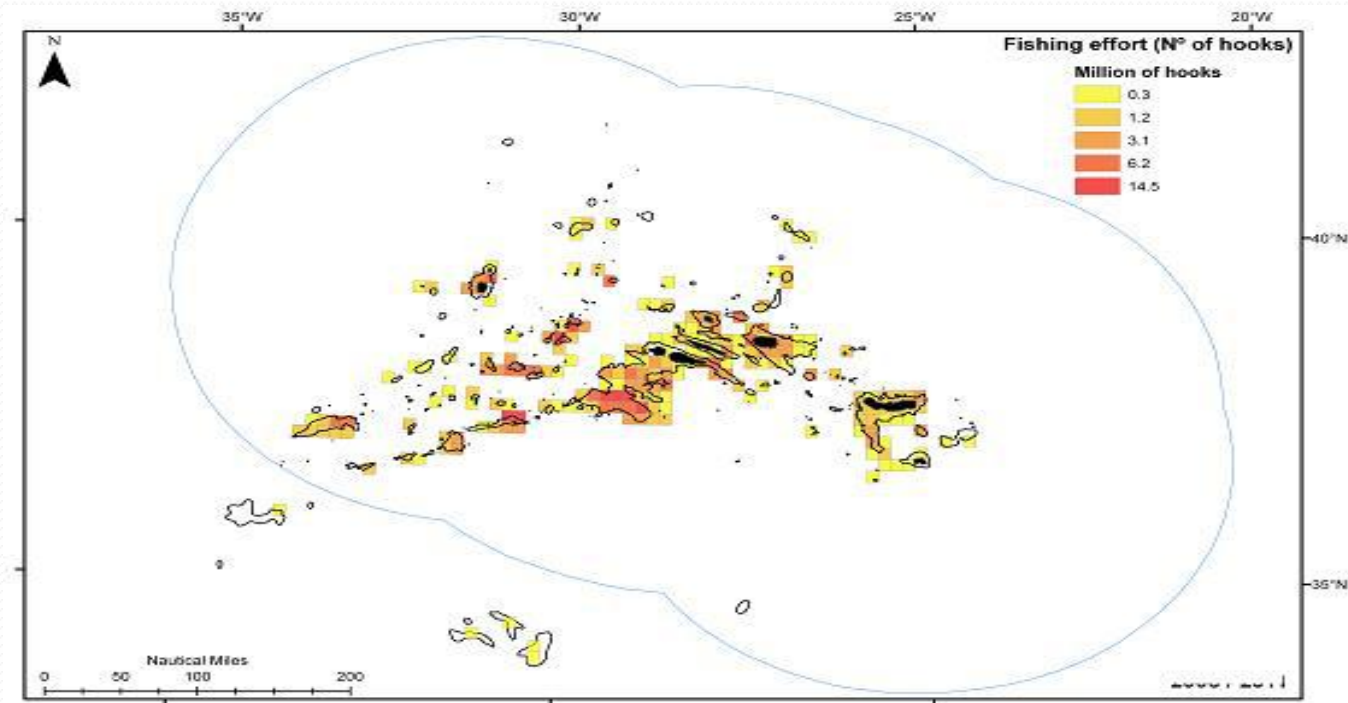
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- Azores is an Outermost region composed by nine volcanic islands, located in the North Atlantic between America and Europe in a tectonic area. The EEZ, is composed by 953,063 km² (1%) above 600 m and 72.445 km² unexplored with depths between 600 m and 1500 m. (Figure 1)

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- (Figure 1) Spatial distribution on the fishing effort made by the Azorean fleet (ICES Xa2) between 2008-2013. Black (islands); Blue line (EEZ); Colors represent the fishing effort until the 700 m of depth. Source: ICES (2015).

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- The most particular aspect in the topography of the bottom seafloor of this region, is the absence of a real continental shelf being the shallow waters restricted to the coastal areas and submarine elevations.

