

European Action for Marine Plastics

A National Perspective

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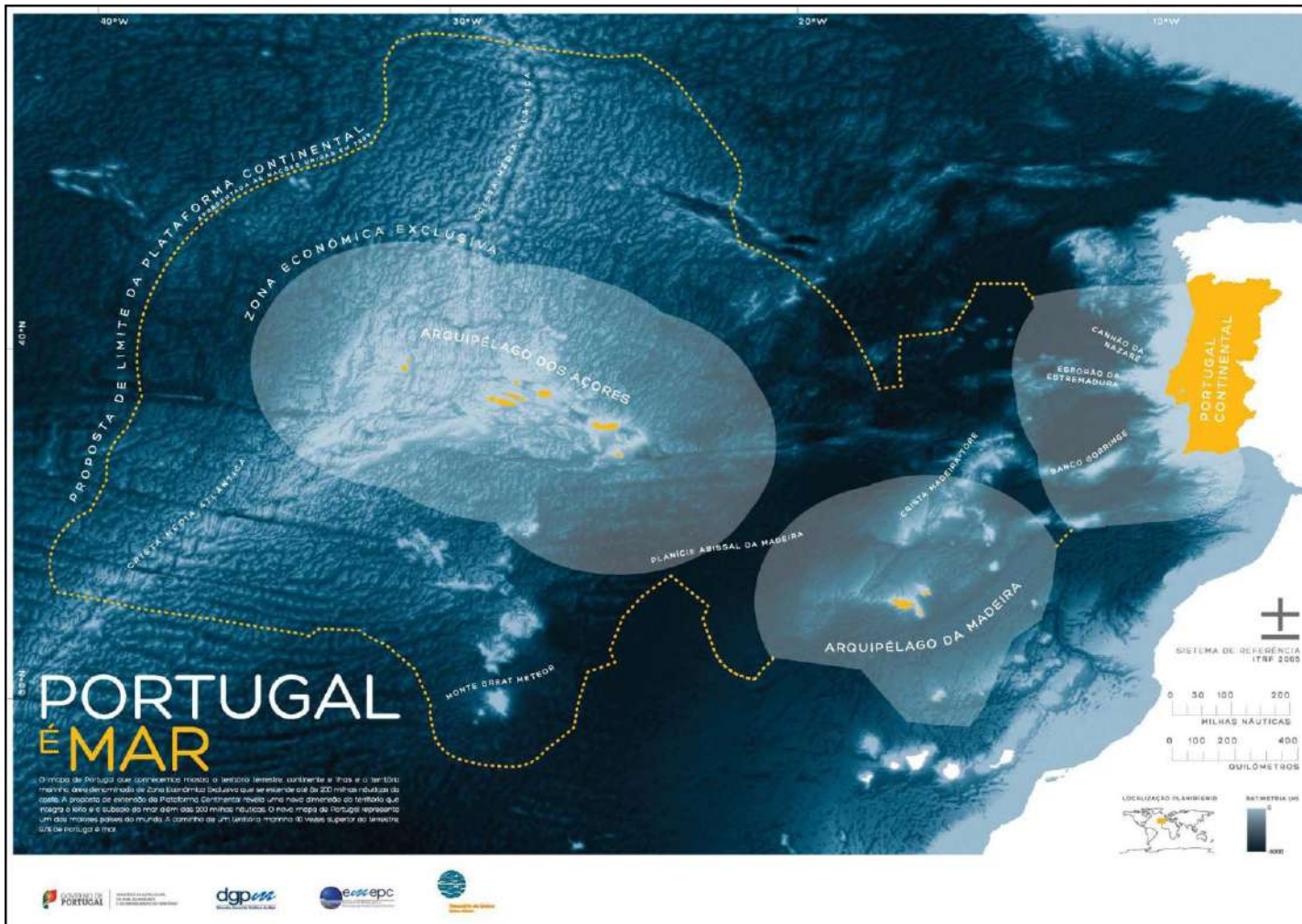
Director-General for Maritime Policy

Portugal



The Ocean is 97% of Portugal's territory

...but only 3.1% of wealth (GVA) and 3.6% of jobs



Traditional activities



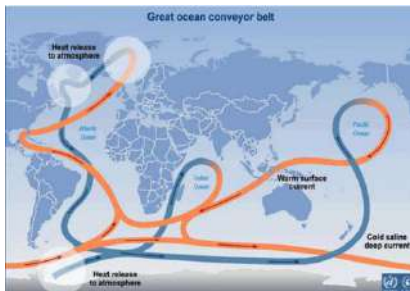
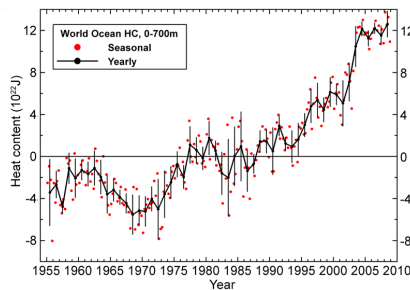
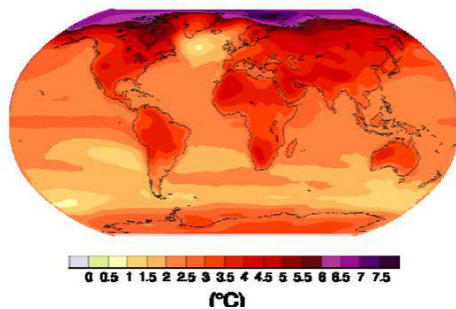
Emerging activities



Blue Economy – Global Challenges

Climate Change

Geographical pattern of surface warming



Acidification



Plastics



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GOAL 14

CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE
OCEANS, SEAS AND MARINE RESOURCES FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

More at sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgsproposal

Plastic soup – rivers, lakes, oceans



Amoco Cadiz, FR, 1978



Caribbean, 2017



Rena, NZ, 2011



Albatross chick, 2012



Plastic in Rainbow Runner gut, 2009

Wildlife filled with plastic - everywhere

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





oceans
meeting

LISBON 7 – 8 SEPTEMBER 2017



Global Challenges – Marine Plastics



Knowledge



Partnerships



Governance



Financing

Knowledge

Science



Literacy



Surveillance



Governance

Integrated Maritime Policy



Financing



Iceland 
Liechtenstein
Norway grants



MARINE LITTER PROJECTS IN PORTUGAL

Monitoring projects and programs

- **“Fisheries for a Sea Without Litter”** – Promoter: Docapesca
- **DQEM Project “DeLixoMar” –Marine Litter - Properties and Spatial Distribution of Marine Litter and Impacts on Marine Life** – Promoter: Portuguese Institute for the Sea and the Atmosphere
- **BDLixLit Project - Develop a database on coastal marine litter** - Promoter: Directorate-General for Natural Resources, Safety and Maritime Services
- **LiMar Project - - Determine bioindicators for marine litter** – Promoter: Directorate-General for Natural Resources, Safety and Maritime Services / Azores Autonomous Region / Madeira Autonomous Region
- **PALMA - Azores Action Plan for Marine Litter** – Promoter: Azores Regional Government
- **AZORLIT - – Establishing a Baseline on Marine Litter in the Azores** - Promoter: DOP - Department of Oceanography and Fisheries - Azores
- **LIXAZ** - Promoter: IMAR - DOP/UAç – University of Azores
- **VEGAS** – Promoter: Madeira Regional Government
- **OCEANWISE Interreg Atlantic Area** – Promoter in PT: Directorate-General for Natural Resources, Safety and Maritime Services (14 entities, 8 countries / regions)
- **CleanAtlantic Interreg Atlantic Area** - Promotor in PT: Directorate-General for Natural Resources, Safety and Maritime Services
- **Coast-Watch -Promotor:** Geota

Monitoring programs that also collect data on marine litter:

- **PNAB** (National Biological Sampling Program) – Portuguese Institute for the Sea and the Atmosphere
- **MONIZEE** (Monitoring and Operational Forecast System of the Portuguese EEZ) – Hydrographic Institute

Civil Society Actions:

Over the last few years there has been a proliferation of marine litter cleaning actions organized by NGOs, Municipalities, Associations, etc., covering:

- beaches, rivers, estuaries
- sea bottom

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VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS FROM PORTUGAL ON MARINE LITTER

- Develop technological platforms and tools that reduce marine pollution and promote the circular economy of the sea by 2020
- The expansion of the project "Fisheries for a Sea Without Litter" to all fishing ports in the Portuguese mainland by 2030
- Work at the regional level, within the OSPAR Convention, for the reduction of marine litter in the Atlantic
- Create an evaluation and monitoring system of the Blue Fund that is aligned with the SDG 14 targets by 2018
- Allocation of EUR 2 Million to promote and increase the public investment on projects focused on marine biodiversity conservation by 2020
- Raise international awareness regarding "Oceans and Human Health"(already implemented and achieved through the organization of the International Ministerial Meeting of the Oceans Meeting 2017, in Lisbon, 7-8 September).



Obrigado !