

Regeneration across generations

Socially Inclusive & Sustainable Development of the Atlantic Seaboard

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MISTIC SEAS
MACARONESIA

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Project description

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MISTIC SEAS establishes a common roadmap to improve coordination and implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) in Spain and Portugal in the Macaronesia sub-region, i.e. the Canary Islands, Azores and Madeira. MSFD aims to achieve a framework within which Member States shall take necessary measures to achieve or maintain good environmental status (GES) in the marine environment by 2020 at the latest. In this framework, MISTIC SEAS develops and implements a common methodology for monitoring the marine biodiversity by focusing on three functional groups - marine cetaceans, turtles and seabirds.

By acting at international level, MISTICSEAS strengthened institutional, policy and science cooperation on a macro biogeographical range. Most importantly, MISTICSEAS allowed to gather species data on a wider population range, a challenge for the Macaronesia MSFD sub-region which is one of the most extensive and biodiverse of the European seas.

Outcomes of the project

- An **action plan** for MSFD implementation at the Macaronesian interregional level.
- A **common methodology** to monitor marine biodiversity in the Macaronesia Region.
- **Factsheets and citizen science guidelines** in reporting and interacting with the marine biodiversity for a large audience.

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