



deep reefs



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After the success of the first campaign to map the biodiversity of one deep reef in Cape Espichel, project Deep Reefs obtained support from more entities committed to ocean conservation!

Partners and sponsors



Deep Reefs obtained funding through the Conservation Fund INAQUA (waiting for the transfer of funds) and now has more support for applications to other funds and science patronage. Thanks to the partners we also have sites for overnight during the campaigns in Peniche and Algarve and rooms for lectures in the three operating sites (Peniche / Berlengas, Sesimbra / Cape Espichel, Faro / Portimao). The entities that support us provide trucks to transport equipment and support vessels for diving and surveying.

What Deep Reefs accomplished

This year Deep Reefs held 11 lectures, from the North to South of the country and participated in the Science Encounters event with high school students. These sessions were attended by over 150 people. The project also gave a radio interview and published articles in two national newspapers.

Between March and June divers conducted six training dives and four mapping dives at the classified site Arrabida / Espichel.

The website of the project is active since April 2010 and since October had 466 visits from 126 visitors, with views in 18 countries (Figure 1). On this website the project has 16 blog posts and seven comments. In the social network Facebook, 488 individuals and entities "Like" the project.



Figure 1 - Image of Google Analytics with country and number of visitors www.deepreefs.com

At this point Deep Reefs is expecting response from two additional sources of funding: Portuguese Foundation of Science and Technology, and National Geographic Society.



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