

## Editorial note

### A good New Year filled with science!

It is with great joy and imbued with the contagious Christmas spirit lived in Macaronesia that I present the second issue of the sixth volume of this journal. This issue consolidates the new path tracked the beginning of 2016, which focused on the renewal of the editorial board and the broadening of the scope of the journal to new scientific areas. It also consolidates the internationalization of the journal, presenting articles authored by Portuguese, Spanish, Scottish, and North Americans, while highlighting the importance of the Portuguese language and of the active participation of Cabo Verdean students, researchers and naturalists (*fidj de téra*). In this new issue, the articles first present an abstract in the official language of Cabo Verde, to facilitate the dissemination of the published scientific information at a national level and also to the community of Portuguese-speaking countries, and only then in English.

This issue is constituted by one short note, about the first observation of false killer whales *Pseudorca crassidens* in Cabo Verdean waters, and two original articles, one of them describing a new species to science, showing thus an improvement of contents with respect to the previous one, only composed by short-notes. It also gives me great pleasure to announce that these two articles are outcomes of the awards granted through the SCVZ Desertas Fund, created entirely from sales revenue from the book *Cabo Verde – História Natural das ilhas Desertas/ The Natural History of the Desertas Islands – Santa Luzia, Branco and Raso*.

The first article results of a project granted to the Cabo Verdean Kátia Santos, of the *Associação de Biólogos e Investigadores de Cabo Verde* in 2016, entitled *Characterization, distribution and abundance of the red-billed tropicbird, Phaethon aethurus (Linnaeus 1758), in the Raso Islet, Cabo Verde*, and concluded precisely one year ago. The second grant awarded to nationals in 2016, associated to a project concluded only in October this year, will soon have visible outcomes in this journal. The first grant given to foreigners in 2016, to the Portuguese Amanda Sousa, already saw the upshots of the awarded project published in the previous issue of this volume, and I hope that the New Year will bring the longed manuscript resulting from the grant awarded to Professor Mike Brooke of Cambridge University.

The second article is partially an outcome of Stiven Pires' project, supported by the same fund this year, which focus on the *Taxonomical identification and mapping of Africonus species (Mollusca: Gastropoda) on Santa Luzia Island*, and that will try to check on that island the empirical observations of the new species described by Tenório *et al.* in this issue. The project financed this year to a foreigner, Eduardo Sampaio, is still ongoing, so we will only see the results published in this journal the next year, which I wish to be filled with opportunities to conduct good science. *Um Bom One de 2018!*

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