

Editorial note

Untapped potential

This first number of the seventh volume of *Zoologia Caboverdiana* is focussed on two groups of organisms that remain largely understudied in Cabo Verde. We are namely referring to mammals, both terrestrial and aquatic, and to terrestrial invertebrates. Two original articles and a short note, by authors from five different nationalities, including Cabo-Verdean, consolidate the vitality of this peer-reviewed journal.

The first article, called “*Bibliographic revision and new records of bats (Chiroptera) for Cabo Verde Archipelago*”, is one of the few articles studying bats in the country so far published in this century. The distribution, endemism or origin of the seven species of bats occurring in Cabo Verde is yet poorly characterized. In addition to reviewing the current state of the art, this article also describes new occurrences of bats in some of the islands of this archipelago.

The second article, entitled “*A photographic record of the life history of Chilades evorae Libert, Baliteau & Baliteau, 2011 (Lepidoptera: Lycaenidae), endemic to the Cabo Verde Islands, with notes on ecology and distribution*”, provides us the first detailed photographs covering the entire developmental stages of the unique exclusively Cabo-Verdean butterfly species. Additionally, this study provides us with new data on the distribution and clues on the ecology of this invertebrate which, like many others, with rare exceptions, are almost unnoticed in this geographical area.

Lastly, the brief note called “*Stranding and sighting records of Gervais’ beaked whale in Cabo Verde*” focuses on a marine mammal rarely observed in the country. This whale, like many other migratory cetaceans that cross

the waters of this archipelago, deserves to be studied further to allow a better understanding of its distribution and abundance.

It is hoped that this number, in addition to contributing to increasing our knowledge of Cabo Verde's mammals and invertebrates, may also motivate other scientists, naturalists and students to increasingly explore the Zoology of this Macaronesian archipelago, especially the lesser-studied species. In regards to the biodiversity, more science in Cabo Verde and to Cabo Verde is required, where there is untapped potential to discover!

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