

Editorial note

New year, new life

After a difficult year, the new year is approaching and the solution to the pandemic is coming. Just as the solstice renews the hope of spring arrival, the new year leads us to aim achieving new goals that we were not able to accomplish yet. Filled with this spirit, the journal hopes to break free from old habits and to fly. The cover of this issue is a metaphor of that feeling.

In this issue we have, as usual, two articles and a short note. The first article, entitled ‘*Cone snails on the North-Western Cabo Verde Islands: contribution to their ecology*’, opens new perspectives on the habitat characteristics of these endemic invertebrates. This study shows that even groups very well-studied from a phylogenetic and biogeographic point of view have poorly known ecologies. The authors show that, at least in the north-western islands, there are more diverse habitats than expected for small shell species.

The second article refers to the ‘*Translocation test of Cabo Verde Shearwater *Calonectris edwardsii* on Raso Islet*’. This study aimed to verify the effect of artificial nests on the growth of the young and on the fledging success of this endemic threatened bird. The results proved to be promising for a possible reintroduction of the species on the neighbouring island of Santa Luzia, where the species went extinct due to human action. This is expected to happen soon and we will wait for the results to prove the success of the proposed methodology.

It should be noted that these are two more works supported by the SCVZ Desertas Fund, which soon will reopen one more call for grants.

The short note describes the ‘*Rare sighting of pygmy killer whales *Feresa attenuata* off São*

Nicolau Island, Cabo Verde’. This follows the publication of the last short note of the previous issue, which reported the first official record of pygmy killer whales in the country, on the island of Fogo. The species was seen in the Windward Islands this time, suggesting the possibility of a small resident population in the archipelago.

Finally, I would like to thank the various colleagues who support the magazine and who have encouraged our effort with good words and actions. Thanks. From Cabo Verde I wish you this year will bring us all a new, more conscious and empathic life. *Nô te junt!*

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