

SEASCAPE International Symposium

Research Centre in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources (CIBIO Açores/InBio), in association with Azores UNESCO Global Geopark and Expolab are pleased to announce that SIS 2018, will take place between 25 and 26 September 2018 in the São Miguel island, Portugal.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines ‘Seascape’ as a ‘picture or view to the sea’. Others definitions appear as “an area of sea, coastline and land, as perceived by people, whose character results from the actions and interactions of land and sea, by natural and/or human factors” or “large, multiple use marine areas, defined scientifically and strategically, in which government authorities, private organizations, and other stakeholders cooperate to conserve the diversity and abundance of marine life and to promote human wellbeing” (Atkinson et al., 2011; Clark and Harris, 2011). The Archipelago of the Azores has a high potential for tourism differentiation at an international level, due to its distinctive and unique characteristics and natural beauty. Tourism sector has been considered as a strategic priority for the development of the regional economy, where the sea plays a major role.

Seascapes (coastal or underwater) concept remains fuzzy for local entrepreneurs, and feeds the scientific debate. Nevertheless, seascape valuation is important for conservation purposes, and also allows for sustainable tourism.

The SEASCAPE International Symposium (SIS 2018), intend to discuss with stakeholders, users, managers, researchers, the Seascape thematic regarding definition consensus of the criteria that should be used in the seascape evaluation and its importance for touristic purposes. It will intend also to define valuable seascapes and which provide added value for tourism and the criteria that should be addressed for this purpose.

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PROGRAM

25 September 2018

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Rua de S. Gonçalo | Ponta Delgada

9.00 – Registration

9.30 – Welcome to SIS 2018 / Opening session

SESSION I – Seascape definition and concepts

10.00 – Sergej Olenin – Evolution of seascape definition and concepts
University of Klaipėda, Lithuania

10.45 – Mark Orams – Maximising the value of seascapes for yacht-based tourism in the Azores
University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia.

11.30 – Coffee-break

SESSION II – Biodiversity – Marine Protected Areas

11.45 – Mara Schmiing / Pedro Afonso – Marine Conservation in the Azores: a reality check
MARE / University of the Azores - Okeanos / IMAR, Portugal

12.30 – Lunch

SESSION III – Azores Seascapes

14.00 – Activity - Public perception of coastal and underwater seascapes
CIBIO Açores / University of the Azores

14.30 – João Carlos Nunes / Eva Lima – Coastal and submarine geodiversity in the Azores
University of the Azores / Geosciences Department, Portugal

15.15 – Paulo Garcia – Coastal and Marine Seascapes
São Miguel Natural Park, Portugal

16.00 – Coffee-break



SESSION IV – Coastal and Underwater Tourism

- 16.15 – Michael Luck - Marine wildlife tourism – opportunities for regional development
Auckland University of Technology in Auckland, New Zealand
- 17.00 – Francisco Silva - Application of smart tourism to nature-based destinations
ESHTe - Estoril Higher Institute for Tourism and Hotel Studies, Portugal
- 17.45 – Round-table/discussion - Final remarks Day 1

26 September 2018

Scientific Complex – University of the Azores / Post-Graduation meeting room

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SESSION V – SEASCAPE Criteria

- 09.30 – Seascape Criteria – Detailed list for Seascape Valuation
- 10.45 – Coffee-break
- 11.00 – Seascape Criteria – Prioritization for Seascape Valuation
- 12.00 – Round-table/discussion - Final remarks Day 2
- 12.30 – Closing session