

EDITORIAL NOTES

ARQUIPÉLAGO – Life and Marine Sciences

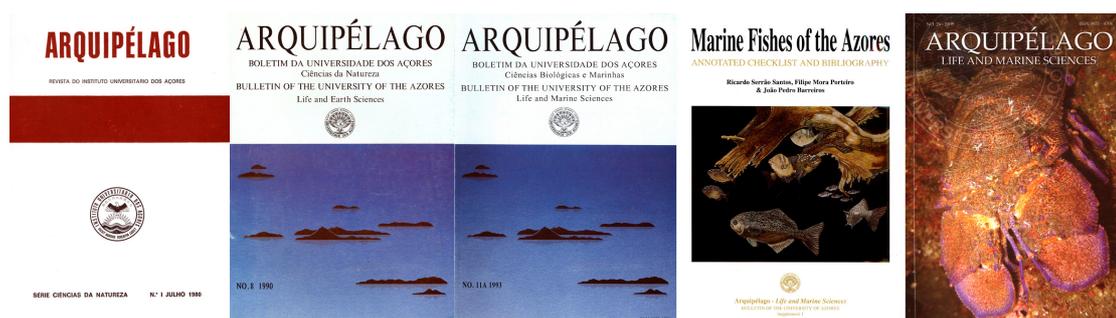
Thirty years of natural sciences in the Atlantic Ocean

The journal ARQUIPÉLAGO of the University of the Azores was launched in 1980, divided into several Series. The precursor for the present *Arquipélago* – Life and Marine Sciences was the Series of Natural Sciences (Série Ciências da Natureza) with a varied scope including geosciences, agricultural sciences, extending into physics, mathematics, etc. The articles were in Portuguese, French, English and German, with Portuguese as the dominant language. In 1990 (no. 8) the journal received a new image with a cover representing the 9 Azorean islands. The series was called “Life and Earth Sciences”, biology and geology of the Azores and other Macaronesian islands and the surrounding ocean were covered in the scope. With no. 11 (1993) the series was split in A (Life and Marine Sciences) and B(Geosciences). However, series B was never published and the letter A was eventually mitted. From no.10 (1992) all the articles have been in English and Portuguese abstracts were omitted from no. 18 (2001).

From volume 24 (2007) the cover design adopted a full colour image related to one of the articles in the volume and the Portuguese subtitle was omitted. The journal was simultaneously published on paper and online, accessible free of charge, and previous volumes become available online in 2010. Its scope was widened to include all oceanic islands and seamounts of the Atlantic Ocean.

The first supplement of *Arquipélago* – Life and Marine Sciences, was edited in 1997, presenting a Check-list of Marine Fishes of the Azores. Until date, 7 supplements have been published mainly abstracts and proceedings from science meetings and workshops.

The annual volumes have covered 257 articles and short communications during these 30 years. More than 200 peer reviewers from 27 different countries have been engaged in the process. The Editorial Secretariat is based in Horta at the Department of Oceanography and Fisheries while the Editorial Committee has one representative from each of the three University campuses, on three different islands. The Advisory Board consists of 10 scientists from Europe and USA, specialists in their fields.



Series covers since its precursor: from left to right 1980-1985; 1990-1992; 1993-2006; 1997 (first supplement); and 2009.