



## **2022 United Nations Ocean Conference Side Event**

### ***Symposium - Talking about Ocean Conservation in Portuguese***

27 June 2022, Virtual via Zoom

Organized by: AIMM - Associação para a Investigação do Meio Marinho; Instituto Meros do Brasil; Biosfera Cabo Verde.

#### **Background on the event (one paragraph)**

AIMM – Marine Environment Research Association in partnership with Instituto Meros do Brasil and Biosfera Cabo Verde, promoted the Symposium “Talking about Ocean Conservation in Portuguese” as a side event of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference. The Symposium took place on the 27 June 2022, at 1pm – 5pm (GMT+1). The goal of this Symposium was to promote knowledge exchange and to raise awareness about the ongoing initiatives regarding ocean conservation throughout countries that share a common language, members of CPLP.

#### **Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)**

- Conservation photography without borders
- The use of natural resources in marine protected areas
- Sea turtles in Angola and São Tomé and Príncipe
- Impact of climate change on the marine environment
- Conservation of cetaceans in southern Portugal
- Biodiversity and Conservation
- Sustainable fishing

**Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)**

- Act more locally with smaller projects and involving the communities- more tangible and doable goals
- The need to implement programs to monitor biodiversity - protect to conserve
- The need to pursue the implementation of new MPAs
- Projects that promote ocean literacy
- Capacity building in the area of marine conservation
- Foster national and international collaborations - with different NGOs, universities and stakeholders.

**Voluntary Commitments (one paragraph)**

To be defined.