



# A perspectiva dos Açores sobre a Política Marítima Europeia

A global dimension of the European Maritime  
Policy: an Azorean perspective



**Governo dos Açores**

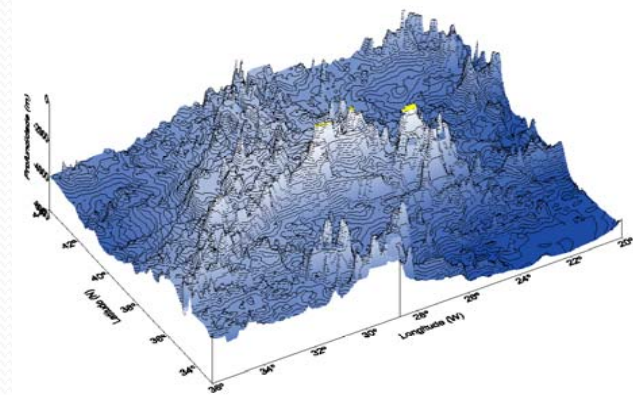
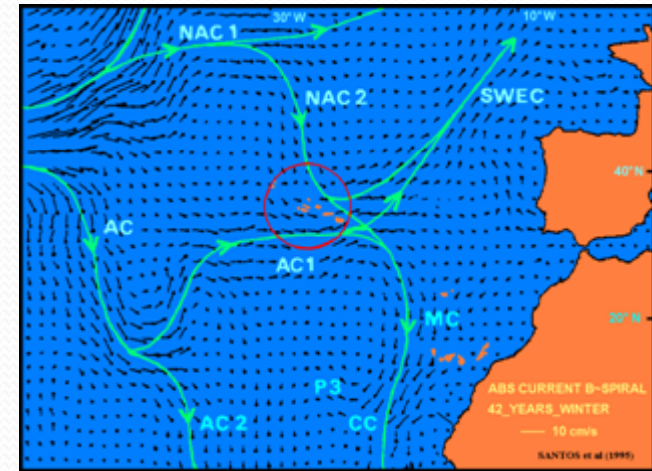
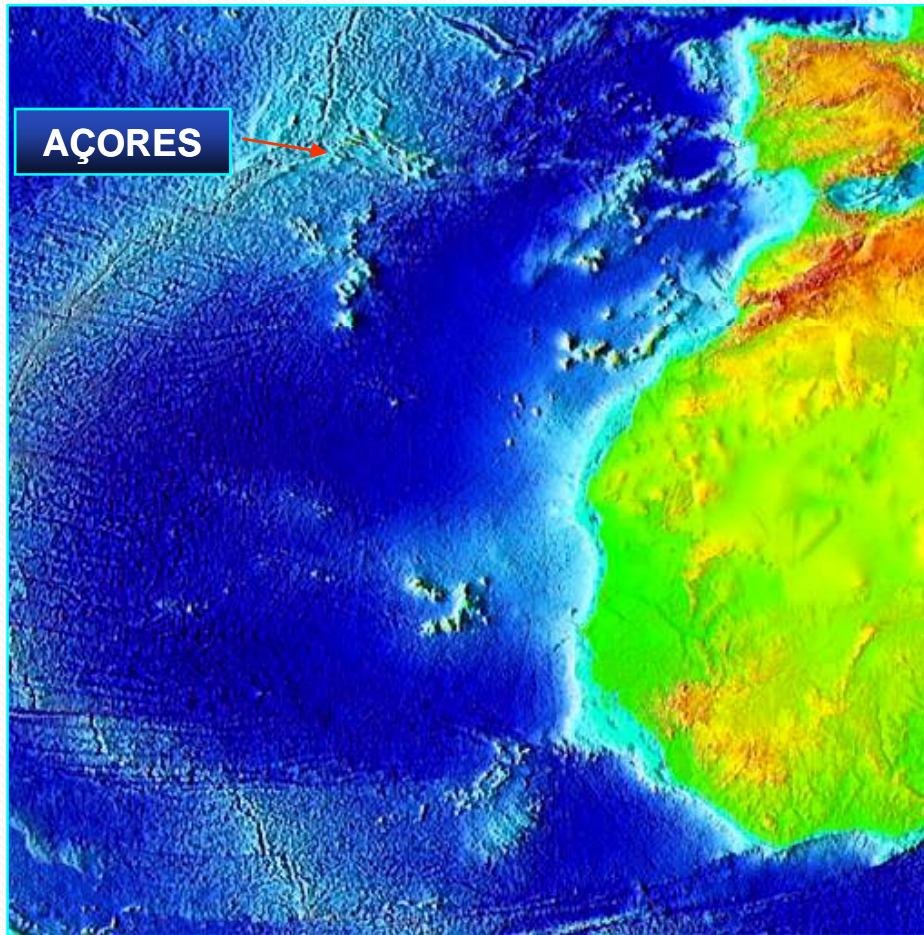
# Summary

- The Azores
- The oceanic dimension of the Azores
- The Azores and the EMP

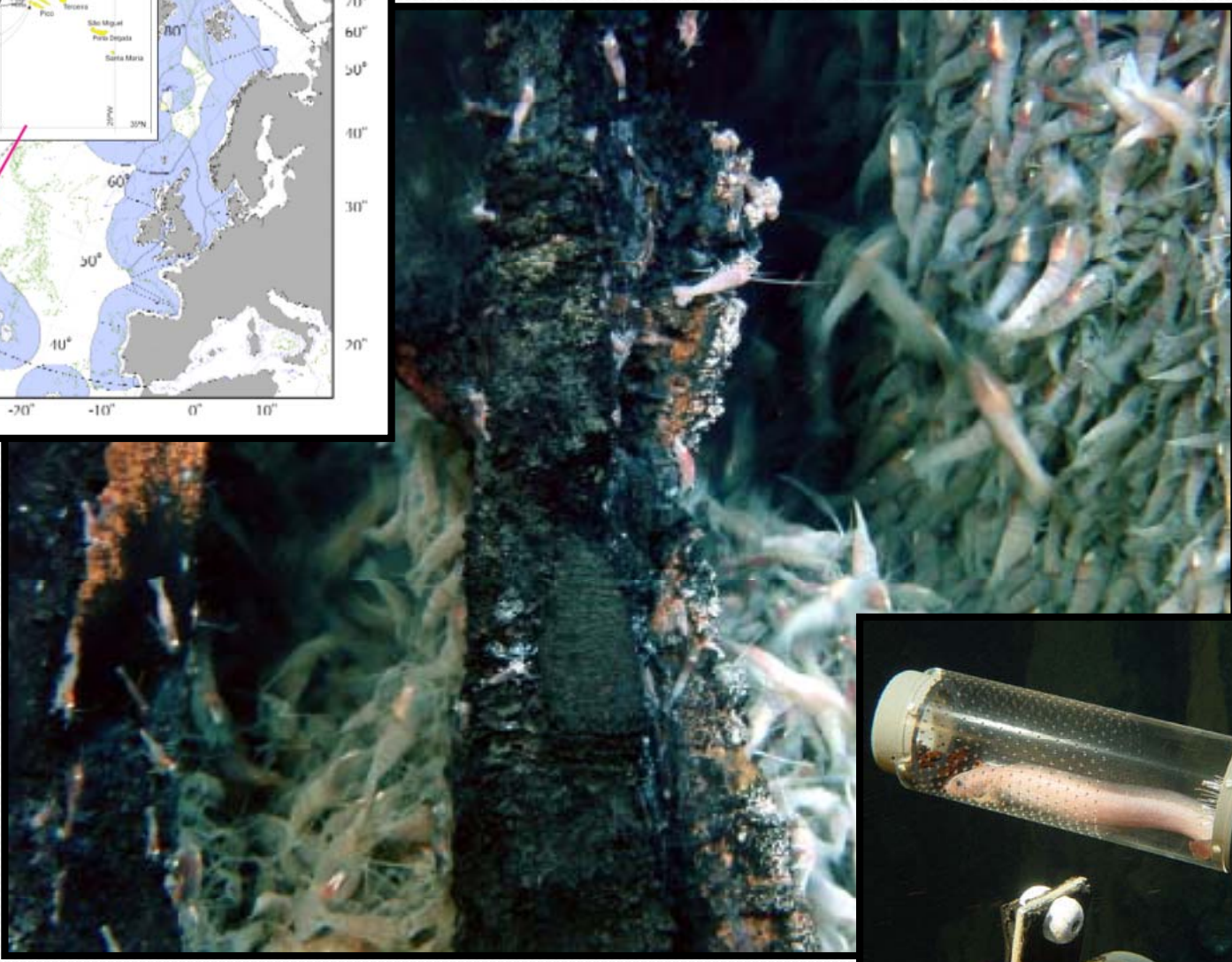
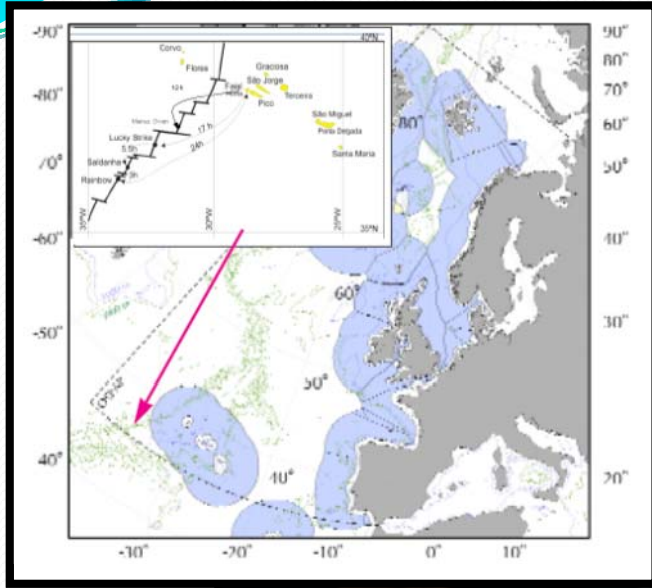




# A transcontinental archipelago

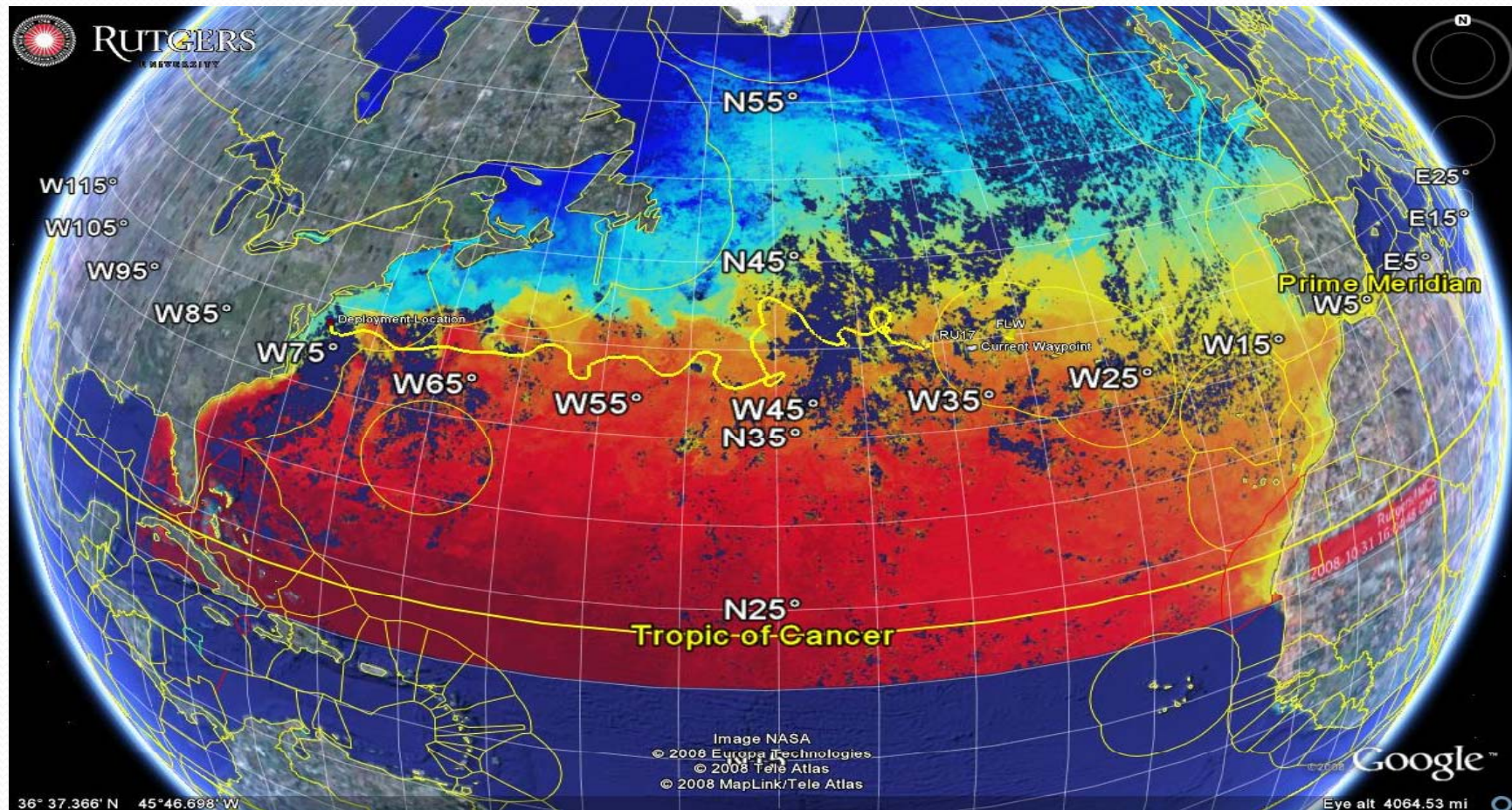




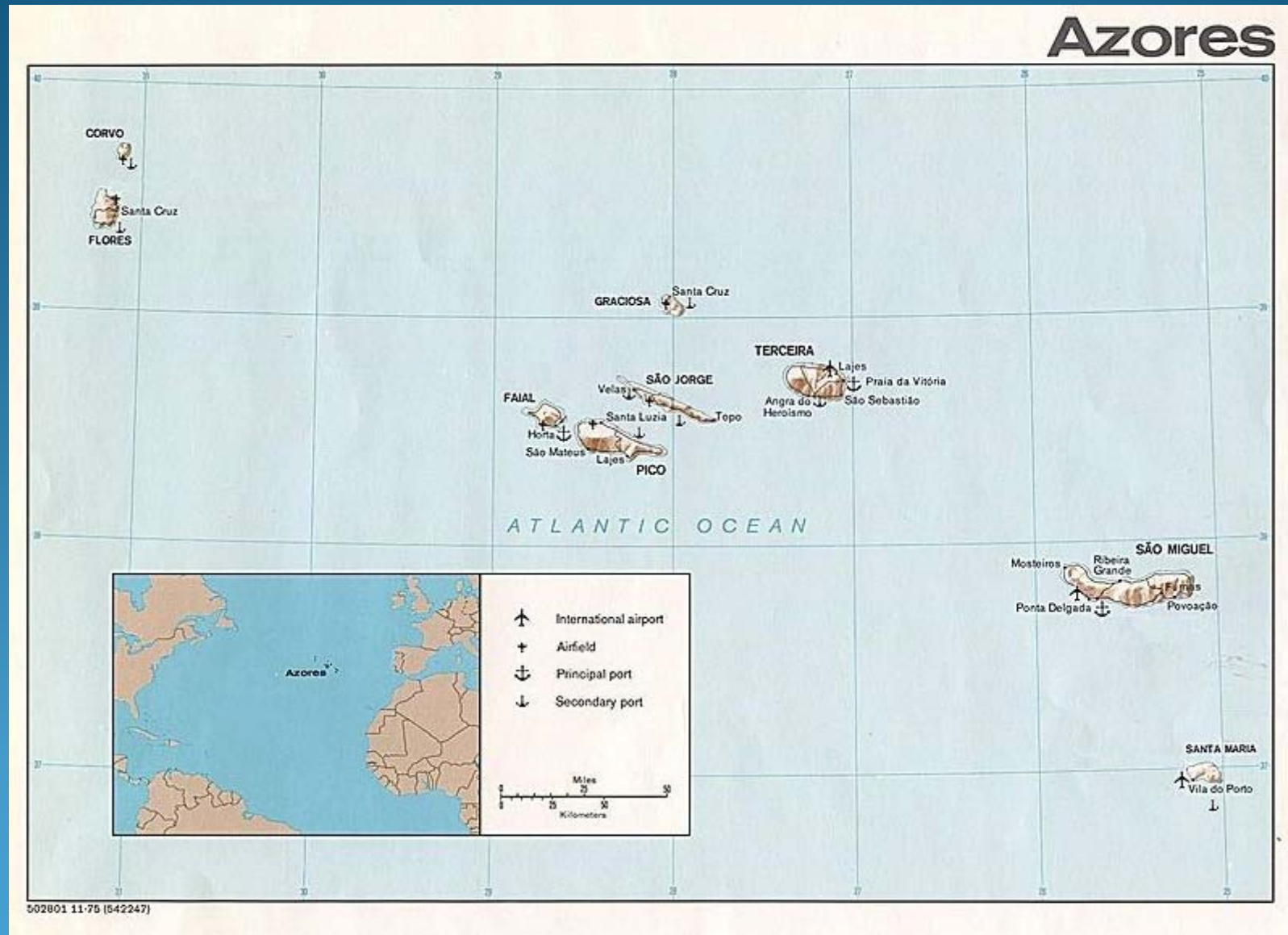




# Northern edge of the subtropics



2,332 km<sup>2</sup>; 3 groups; 9 islands; 614 km from NW to SE  
(Corvo 17 km<sup>2</sup> – 393 hab.; S. Miguel 746 km<sup>2</sup> – 126,000 hab.)





Volcanic; straddling the Middle Atlantic Ridge  
Last land eruption: Capelinhos 1957-1958  
Last submarine near shore eruption: Serreta 2000



# Azores: the maritime dimension

- 844 km of coastline
- The largest EEZ of the European Union: **953,633 km<sup>2</sup>**





Gives the EU its oceanic extent



## An autonomous territory of Portugal:

- A Parliament with legislative functions, including the transposition of EU Directives
- A government with full executive powers

Full responsibilities in environmental policies;  
harbours; transportation

Shared responsibilities in maritime affairs, including  
fisheries and the management of the EEZ

Portuguese Constitution guarantees the right of  
participation in European policymaking



# Biodiversity

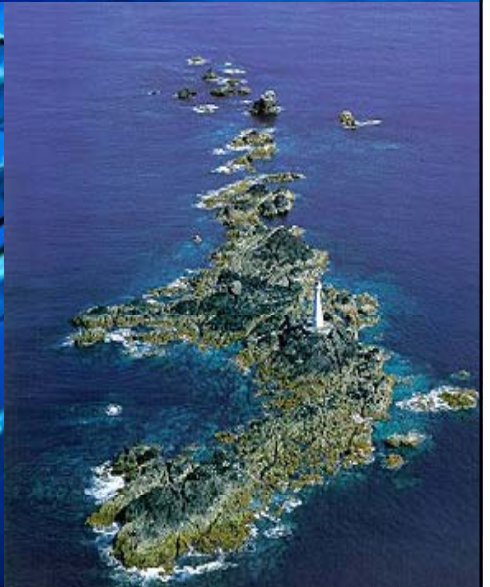
- 6512 known species
- Over 450 endemic species

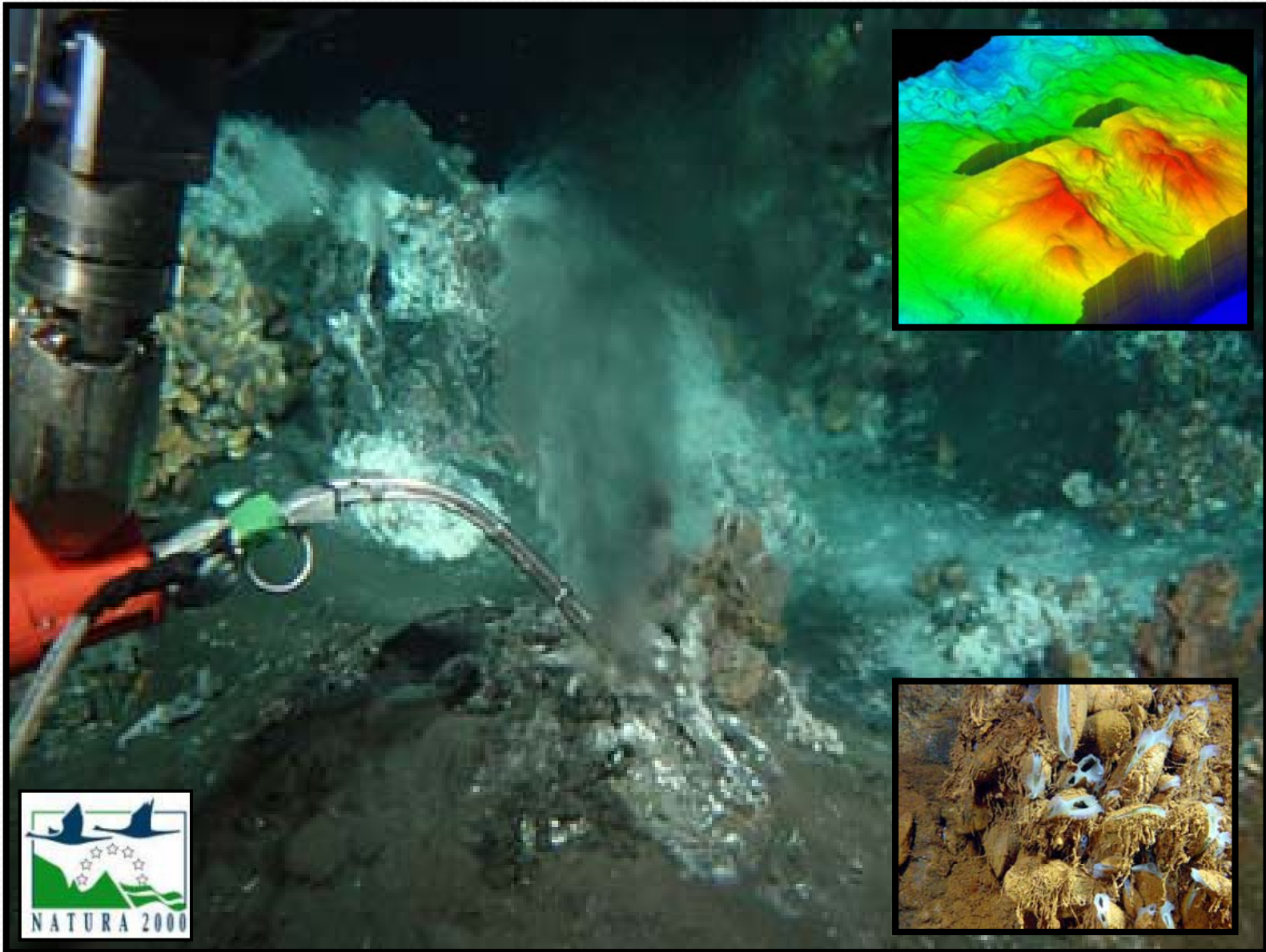


# Biodiversity































2010

OSPAR: Submissão do Altair, AntiAltair e S. MAR

2009

RN2000: Lucky Strike e Menez Gwen

2009

UNESCO: Reservas da Biosfera: Flores

2007

UNESCO: Reservas da Biosfera: Corvo, Graciosa  
Revisão da Rede Regional de Áreas Protegidas

2006

OSPAR: Corvo, Rainbow, Lucky Strike e Menez Gwen

2005

Classificação do Parque Natural do Corvo

Propostas para:

2004

- Lucky Strike e Menez Gwen

2003

- Corvo

- Canal Faial-Pico

2001

Proposta de 6 sítios para a Rede de AMPs da OSPAR

1989

Designação dos Sítios Natura 2000

1983

Designação de 8 AMPs

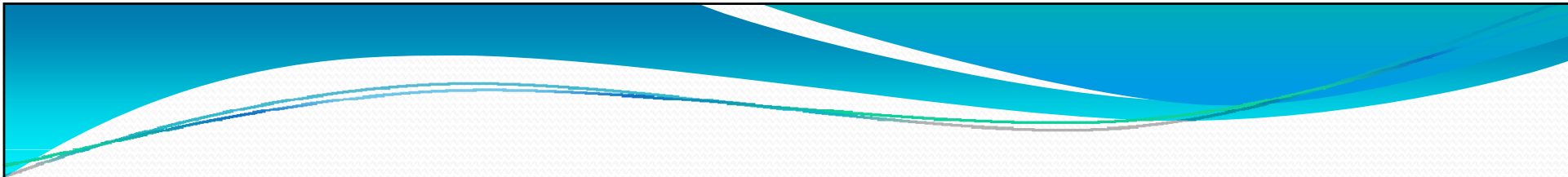
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Primeira Área Marinha Protegida: Monte da Guia, Faial.





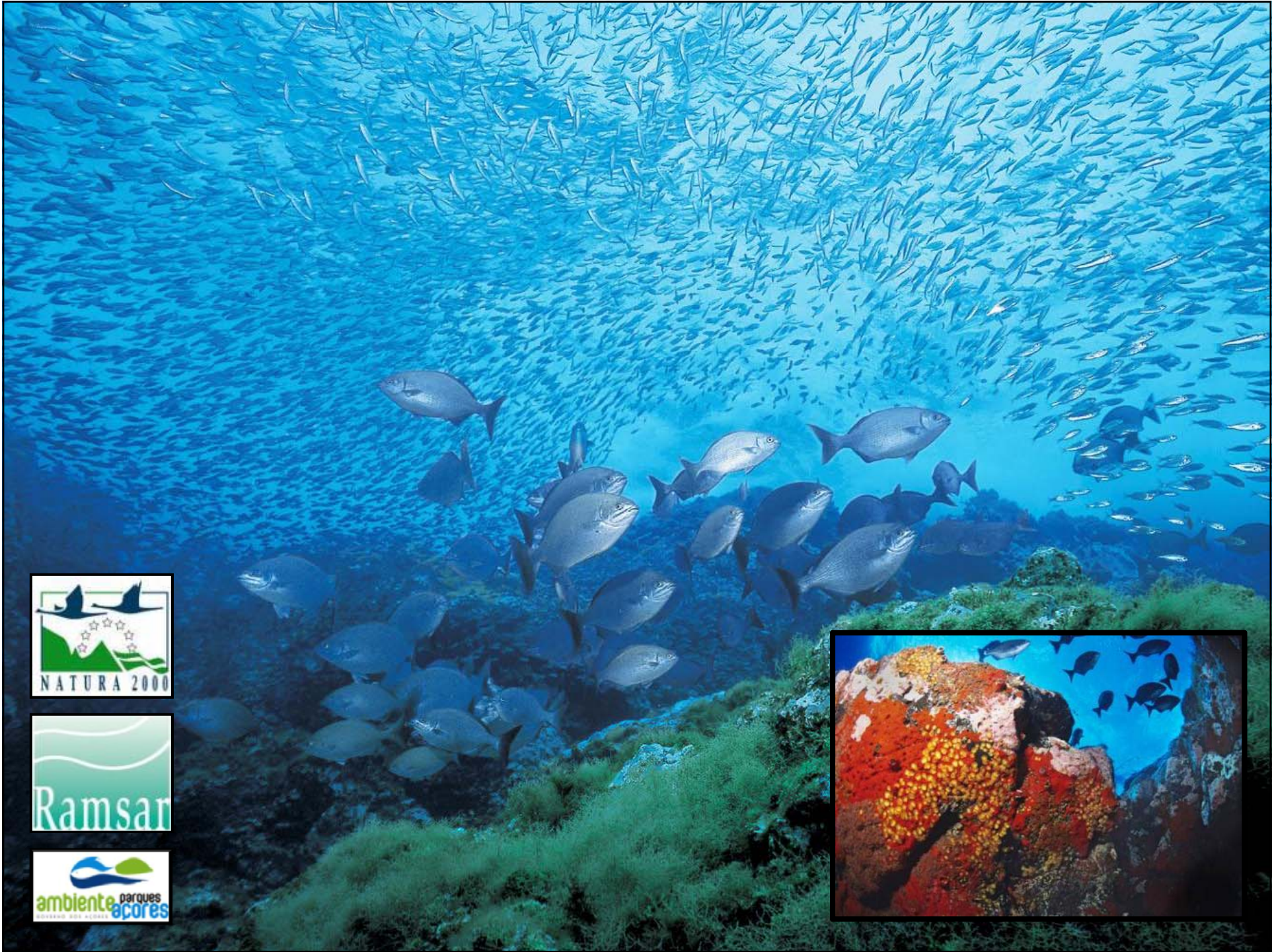




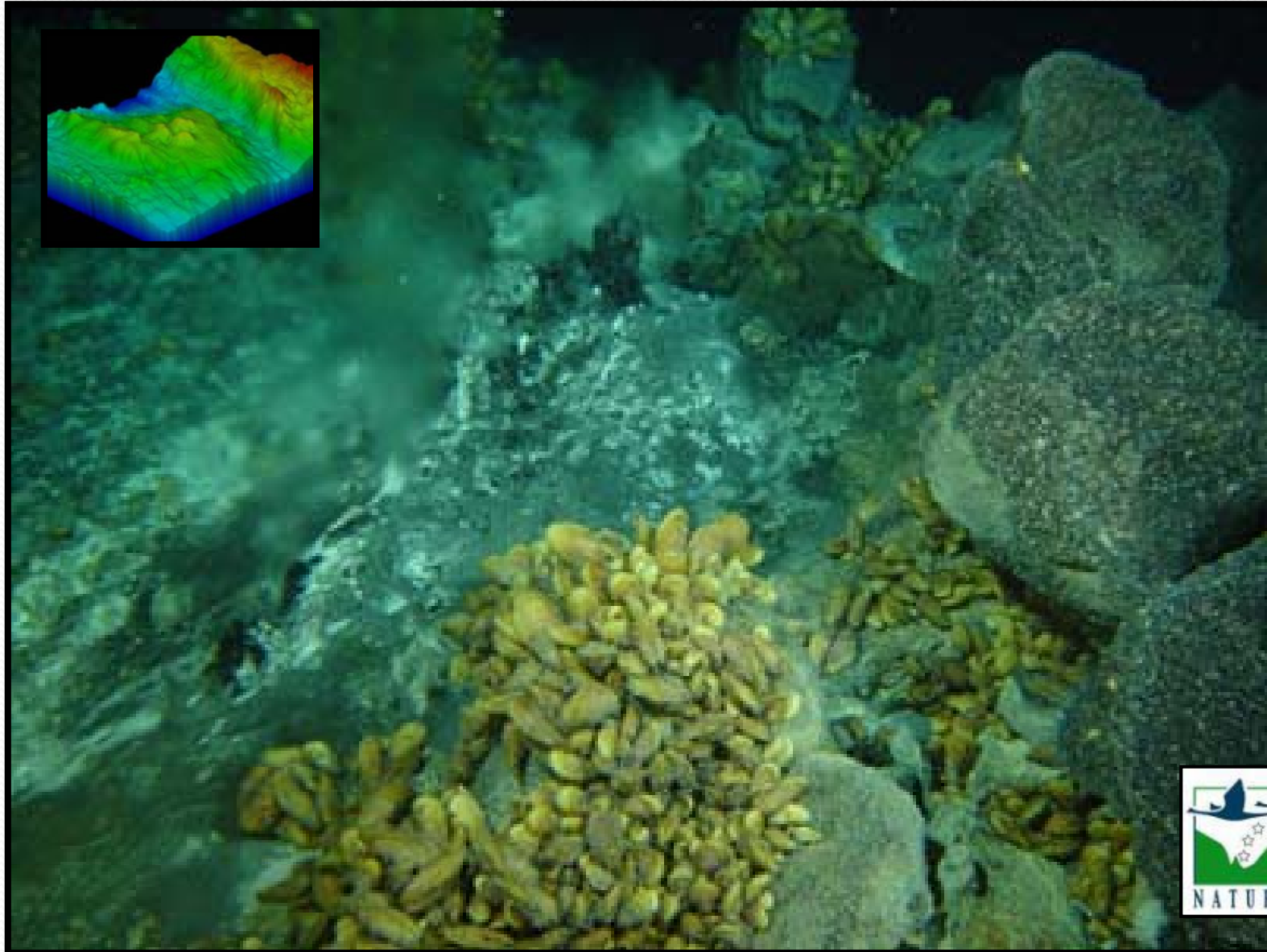














# The role of Europe

- Stability and security
- Fisheries and resource conservation – the 100-200 nm issue
- The Marine Strategy *Framework Directive* and subsidiarity
- The outermost regions as boundary/frontier regions
- Specificity and integration in the EU policies
- The need of a common voice in maritime affairs
- The outermost regions as stakeholders not mere appendages to Member States



