



The Faial–Pico Channel: Future stakeholder management of the Marine Protected Area

Organiser: [AQUACROSS](#)¹

Date: Wednesday, 23rd of May 2018, 10:00 – 15:30

Venue: Hotel do Canal, Largo Dr. Manuel de Arriaga, 9900–026 Horta,
Faial Island, Azores

Registration link: [Link](#)

The Faial–Pico Channel Marine Protected Area (MPA) is rich in biodiversity and central to the local society and economy, valued by recreational and commercial fishers, tourism operators, locals, and tourists. This workshop will discuss (1) how **local stakeholder management** of the Channel could work, and (2) **how stakeholders want the Channel managed in the future**.

This workshop builds on a [first AQUACROSS workshop](#), which took place in October 2017, which considered the current state and management of the Faial–Pico Channel MPA. Local stakeholders, including fishers, diving operators, scientists, and policymakers, discussed how collaborative decision making could sustainably protect the channel and ensure benefits for all stakeholders. Alongside [AQUACROSS](#), the Macronesian Marine Spatial Planning ([MarSP](#)) project is cooperating with locals to develop a spatial plan for the Faial–Pico Channel.

A key outcome of these workshops is that a majority of local stakeholders want to “have a say” in managing the Channel. Accordingly, the objectives of this workshop are:

1. To develop a concrete plan for **stakeholder management** of the Faial–Pico Channel MPA, covering
 - how, when and where stakeholders would like to contribute to Faial–Pico Channel MPA management;
 - to enable stakeholders’ ongoing participation, what do stakeholders need?
 - what do stakeholders hope for and expect of participatory MPA management?
2. To discuss **future management plans** for the Faial–Pico Channel MPA – how should the Channel be managed in the future?



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Meeting Run Plan

10:00 – 10:15	Reception & welcome coffee
10:15 – 10:25	Welcome & workshop introduction – <i>Holger Gerdes, Ecologic Institute, and Adriana Ressoricao, University of Azores</i>
Stakeholder management of the Faial–Pico Channel MPA	
10.25– 10.40	Introduction to the session and key messages from the first AQUACROSS workshop: How could stakeholders participate in the management of the Faial–Pico Channel MPA? – <i>Holger Gerdes, Ecologic Institute</i>
10:40 – 12:15	<p>Small-group working session on the following questions:</p> <p>Block 1 (discussions in groups of 5–6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What topics and activities should the stakeholder advisory group be responsible for (e.g. monitoring, scientific advice, setting policy objectives, etc.)? What specific contributions can you personally make to MPA management (e.g. providing data & knowledge, representing sectorial interests/views, etc.)? <p>Block 2 (discussions in same groups of 5–6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What outcomes do you expect from participatory MPA management? (What improvements would you expect relative to status quo?) What are the barriers that could limit your participation in MPA management – and how could these be overcome? (Practical needs – times, locations, ...?) <p><u>Plenary discussion</u></p>
12:15 – 12:30	Introduction of ‘Macronesian Marine Spatial Planning Project’ (MarSP) – <i>Gilberto Carreira, DRAM</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch (complimentary)
Looking forward: AQUACROSS input for MarSP and the future management of the Channel	
13:30 – 14:10	<p>Current and future use of the Faial–Pico Channel MPA:</p> <p>What will the future look like? Feedback on the AQUACROSS 2050 baseline scenario – <i>Hugh McDonald, Ecologic Institute</i></p> <p><u>Plenary discussion</u></p>
14:10 – 15:25	<p>Future management plans for the Faial–Pico Channel:</p> <p>What measures could we implement in the future? Developing EBM plans for the Faial–Pico Channel– <i>Hugh McDonald, Ecologic Institute</i></p> <p><u>World café (small group work):</u> prioritising and developing measures for Faial–Pico Channel, on three themes: fishing, monitoring/enforcement, sustainable tourism</p>
15:25 – 15:30	Reflections on the outcomes of the session & links to future work in MarSP – <i>Gilberto Carreira, DRAM</i>
15:30	Evaluation questionnaire
Close for coffee	