



AL Percebe: co-management of the goose barnacle

Litoral Alentejano FLAG



Pollicipes pollicipes is the most important intertidal economical resource in continental Portugal and NW Spain



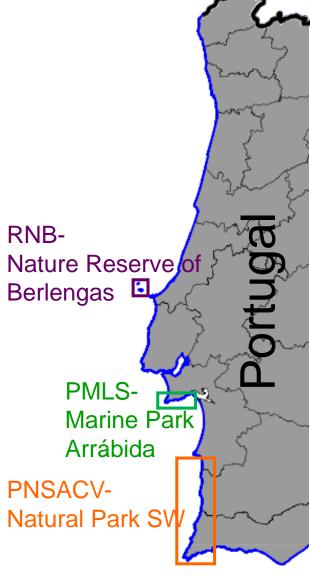


Management of *P. pollicipes* fishery is very different in Portugal and Spain



Portugal – Different management rules in different regions

	National	RNB	PMLS	PNSACV
Date of implementatin:	2010	2000	2005	2006
Temporal closures	~	V	×	~
Size limit	~	>	×	~
Bag limit	~	>	×	>
Protected areas	X	>	×	~
Recreational harvesting	~	×	×	~





CONTEXT

- The Cabo de Sines area (Alentejo, Portugal) can be considered a special location / an "island"
- Located in the north border of a natural park with the same rules of the park, but with no restrictions in terms of licences.
- Located south of a marine park where this fishery is not allowed and of a sandy coast.
- Professional harvesters of Setúbal, Sines and Lagos port authorities can exploit in the Cape of Sines.
- Recreational harvesting is allowed and its rules have changed in 2014 (more exploitation allowed)
- The state of *P. pollicipes* can be considered as potentially threatened in this location





Cabo de Sines



MAIN OBJECTIVES

To evaluate and ameliorate the state of the stalked barnacle *Pollicipes pollicipes* ("percebe") at Cabo de Sines

To change the management of this fishery in Cabo de Sines through the transfer of knowledge between scientists & fishers



PARTNERS

- Universidade de Évora (coordination and responsible for the scientific part of the project)
- ADL-Associação de Desenvolvimento do Litoral Alentejano (responsible for general dissemination and workshops to strengthen fishers associations)
- Associação de Mariscadores da Terra do Vasco da Gama (part of the comanagement comité, collaboration in the scientific tasks)
- Associação de Armadores da Pesca Artesanal e do Cerco do Sudoeste Alentejano e Costa Vicentina (part of the co-management comité)

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METHODOLOGY / TASKS

- Definition and implementation of an experimental system of co-management of this fishery at Cabo de Sines
- Monitoring of the state of the resource and of its fishery in Alentejo
- Experimental recovery of exploited areas
- Economic valorisation of P. pollicipes in Alentejo
- Increase of the scientific capacity and strengthening of fishers associations to increase their involvement in management
- Dissemination of good co-management practices and of the results of the project



EXPECTED RESULTS

- Definition and implementation of a co-management system of *P. pollicipes* fishery in Cabo de Sines
- Increase of surveillance upon this fishery
- Study on the temporal and spatial patterns of abundance and size of *P. pollicipes* in Cabo de Sines and definition of the state of the resource.
- Study on the temporal and spatial patterns of the fishery effort of *P. pollicipes* in Cabo de Sines and definition of the state of this fishery
- Study on the possibility of recovering exploited areas
- Validation of new techniques used
- Study on the economical valorisation of P. pollicipes in Alentejo.
- Workshops to strengthen fishers associations and their scientific capacitation and promote a visit to Galicia or Asturias "cofradias"
- Dissemination in local/regional/national/international events/conferences













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