

XXIV Encontro Nacional VIGILANTES DA NATUREZA

30 Jan.
a 02 Fev.
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Reserva Natural do Sapal de Castro Marim
e Vila Real de Sto. António



XXIV NATIONAL MEETING PORTUGUESE PARK RANGERS

XVIII TECHNICAL CONFERENCES

BIODIVERSITY WITHOUT BORDERS

Castro Marim and Vila Real de Santo António Marshes Nature Reserve.

January 30th to 2nd February 2025

PROGRAMME

January 30th (Thursday)

09h30m **Opening of accreditations for Delegates, Guests and Social Media**
Cultural Center António Aleixo - Vila Real de Santo António

10h30m **Solemn opening session**

State Secretary of Environment
Dr. Emídio Sousa (to be confirmed)

Regional Secretariat of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment - Madeira Autonomous Region
Dra. Maria Rafaela Fernandes (to be confirmed)

Regional Secretary of Environment and Climate Action - Azores Autonomous Region
Dr. Alonso Miguel (to be confirmed)

Mayor of Vila Real de Santo António
Dr. Álvaro Araújo

Mayor of Castro Marim
Dr. Francisco Augusto Caimoto Amaral

Regional Director of Nature Conservation and Forestry in Algarve
Ing. Castelão Rodrigues

President of Portuguese Ranger Association
Dr. Francisco Correia

11h15m Coffee Break at Escola de Hotelaria e Turismo of Vila Real de Santo António

11h30m Baixa Pombalina of Vila Real de Santo António Guided Tour

13h00m **Welcome Lunch**



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14h30m **Technical Conferences**

Panel 1 –Protected Areas and Biodiversity

Moderator: Rita Novais - Head of the ICNF's Advisory and Communications Office

Castro Marim and Vila Real de Santo António Marshes Nature Reserve.
Paulo Monteiro – Ranger and Leader of Portuguese Ranger Association

(pending presentation title)

Madeira Natural Park

Park Ranger from Madeira Natural Park (to be appointed)

Doñana Natural Park

Environmental Agent of the Andalusian Regional Government (to be appointed)

15h30m **Debate**

15h45m Coffee Break

16h00m **Technical Conferences**

Panel 2 – Biodiversity

Moderator: Dr. Carlos Albuquerque - Director of Conservation and Monitoring Division of ICNF

Red-billed Cough in the Southwest Alentejo and Costa Vicentina Natural Park
Vítor Casalinho – Park Ranger

(pending presentation title)

Ing. Branko Štivić – President of Croatian Ranger Association

Cetaceans in Algarve

Dra. Ana Marçalo- Algarve University

17h00m **Debate**

17h15m Closing

19h00m **Dinner**

21h00m **Cultural Programme**



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January 31st (Friday)

09h30m Technical Conferences

Panel 2 – Challenges of Sustainable Management: from Forest to Natural Heritage

Moderator: Ing. Nuno Sequeira Member of ICNF Board (to be confirmed)

(pending presentation title)

Ing. Nuno Neto - Director of Forest Heritage and Production, Navigator Company

(pending presentation title)

Dr. Hernâni Jorge - Manager / Consultant of ECO DESAFIOS

Cinereous vulture in Portugal

Dr. Pedro Rocha – Manager of Herdade da Contenda

10h30m Debate

10h45m Coffee Break

11h00m Technical Conferences

Panel 3 – From Land to Sea: Projects for the Conservation and Sustainability of Portuguese Ecosystems

Moderator: Dr. Paulo Salsa - Vice-President of ICNF Board (to be confirmed)

(The Iberian Lynx 'ex situ' conservation programme: 20 years)

Dr. Rodrigo Serra - Director of the Iberian Lynx National Breeding Centre

(pending presentation title)

Dr. António Araújo – President of the Fiscal Council of the Portuguese Society for Study of Birds

Algarve Reef Marine Nature Park- Pedra do Valado

Prof. Jorge Gonçalves - CCMAR

12h00m Debate

12h15m Closing

13h00m Lunch

14h30m Castro Marim and Vila Real de Santo António Marshes Nature Reserve Visit

19h00m Dinner

21h00m Cultural Programme



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February 1st (Saturday)

08h00m Doñana National Park visit- Spain

19h00m Dinner

21h00m Cultural Programme

February 2nd (Sunday)

Municipal Library of Castro Marim

09h30m Celebrating World Wetlands Day

- The vital role of water in the conservation of biodiversity - Professor Dra. Vânia Serrão Sousa - University of Algarve - Centre for Research in Environment and Sustainability - CENSE

- Invisible Biodiversity: Long-term monitoring of zooplankton at the 'Gadiana Lower Estuary' ICES - NOAA station - Professor Dra. Joana Cruz (University of the Algarve - Centre for Marine Sciences - CCMAR)

10h30m Coffee break

10h45m Celebrating Park Rangers Day

Urs Reif – European Ranger Federation President

Ingrid..... – Spanish Park Ranger Association President

Eng. Branko Štivić – Croatian Park Ranger Association President

Dejalme Vargas – Portuguese Park Ranger Association Vice- President

11h30m Solemn Closing Session

Prof. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa – President of Portuguese Republic (to be confirmed)

Dra. Maria da Graça Carvalho - Minister of Environment and Energy (to be confirmed)

Doctor Nuno Banza - President of the Institute for Nature Conservation and Forestry

Dr. Francisco Augusto Caimoto Amaral President of the Co-Management Commission of Castro Marim and Vila Real de Santo António Marshes Nature Reserve

Dr. Álvaro Araújo - Mayor of Vila Real de Santo António

Dr. Francisco Correia - President of Portuguese Ranger Association

13h00m Farewell Lunch

