Seafood from Madeira Island: MARISCOMAC Taking fisheries science to society

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The project MARISCOMAC aims the development of technical and scientific conditions, training, transfer of technology and knowledge, aiming to promote the sustainable exploitation and safe consumption of seafood in the Macaronesia (Madeira, Canary and Cabo Verde Islands). In this project the target species are limpets (Patella aspera and Patella candeii), sea snail (Phorcus sauciatus), and big deep-sea crabs (Cancer bellianus, Chaceon affinis and Paromola cuvieri), among others. In 2017 the project was presented and promoted in all the geographic areas with all partners involved, and from there one informative article and seven scientific articles were published. In 2018 the dissemination of the project activities started with agro-fishing and restaurant and tourism industry events, and also the "ULPGC Canary Gastronomy Center" was designed and created at the University of Las Palmas. In Madeira Island the Project was presented in several events such as: "Rota do Atum", "III Feira do Mar e do Pescador", "XIV Festa da Lapa", "Conferências do Mar" and "Ciência no Mercado", among others. Lectures were given for different target publics and workshops and dissemination activities were developed involving around 2,500 participants. The MARISCOMAC project has the ambitious purpose of carrying out its activities, not only addressed to the stakeholders of the fishing sector but to the whole society, thus raising awareness about the safe consumption of local fish obtained in a sustainable way.

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