

A photograph showing the backs of several children sitting on a boat, looking out at a large body of water. In the distance, there are green hills and a small island. The sky is cloudy. The text 'SCHOOL ACTIVITIES' is overlaid in white on the image.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

BIOMARES
Program

INTRODUCTION

Over the past few years, the Biomares Program has been developing content and activities about the Marine Park aimed at the public in the school community. These initiatives help students and teachers to become messengers of good practices and develop an emotional connection to Marine Park. The engagement of these audiences is very important for the natural and cultural valorization of this marine area, and contributes to the recovery of biodiversity, today and in the future.



OBJECTIVE

To raise awareness and engage the school community with the Marine Park.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FROM BIOMARES PROGRAM

The Biomares Program has been developing resources that can be used by teachers and educators to work on this theme with students of different ages.

Pre-school and primary school

- *My first marine life guide: a small guide aimed at children, covering general aspects of the Marine Park and curiosities about its inhabitants.*
- *Field files: digital script, aimed at teachers, parents and educators of children in the 1st cycle of basic education, intends to put children in contact Professor Luiz Saldanha Marine Park and with one of the most important socio-economic activities in the Marine Park region - fishing.*
- *Activities: digital files for teachers, educators and parents of children in the 1st cycle of Basic Education. The sessions aim to work on concepts associated with biodiversity, mainly from the Professor. Luiz Saldanha Marine Park as well as working on personal and social skills, contributing to the development of future conscious and responsible citizens.*



Mid-school to secondary school

- Diving and beach leaflets
- Leaflet about the implementation of the Marine Protected Area – The Professor Luiz Saldanha Marine Park

Materials that were available for schools under request

- Poster with 60 species that can be found in the Marine Park
- DVD about Biomares Project

ACTIVITIES DEVELOPED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE BIOMARES PROGRAM

Biomares goes to school

One-off actions to raise public awareness directly through the presence of project technicians at the school.

Actions for teachers

Teachers are messengers of the good conservation and management practices promoted by the Marine Park. Several training and awareness-raising activities were carried out for teachers, involving the discovery of the richness of the marine park during water activities (e.g. snorkelling or walking on the beach) and in guided tours of the Oceanographic Museum.

Volunteer actions

The Arrábida Natural Park can be contacted in order to assess the joint performance of volunteer activities on the beaches of the Marine Park (e.g. beach



cleaning actions, actions to remove invasive plants, visits accompanied by nature watchers).

Visit to the Oceanographic Museum

For students and teachers to come prepared, and to make the most of the experience, it is possible to contact the Oceanographic Museum in advance to organize a visit and school and adapt it to the class.

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