Seabed Cleanup – “Desertas - Mar Limpo” (Portugal)

During the celebrations of World Earth Day on April 22, seabed cleanups were conducted on the Desert Islands Nature Reserve to raise public awareness about marine litter.

This action was organized by the Natural Park of Madeira and the Diving Club “Madeira Oceano´s”. It involved about 30 divers who had the support of the Command of the Maritime Area of Funchal.

The waste was later handed over to the students of the Primary and Secondary School of Santa Cruz who separated it and sent it for recycling. These students also participated in a contest of drawing and handicrafts made with waste.

Facts

Place / Location	Portugal Desertas Islands, Madeira Archipelago
Commencement Date	2006
Duration	Two years (until 2007)
Theme	Mitigation, Awareness (Cross-cutting)
Type of Initiative	Practice/ Activity/ Action
Initiated by	Natural Park of Madeira (operational service that aims to protect nature and biodiversity in several areas of Madeira) and Diving Club “Madeira Oceano´s”
Involved Stakeholders	

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Success Rate	Very Successful
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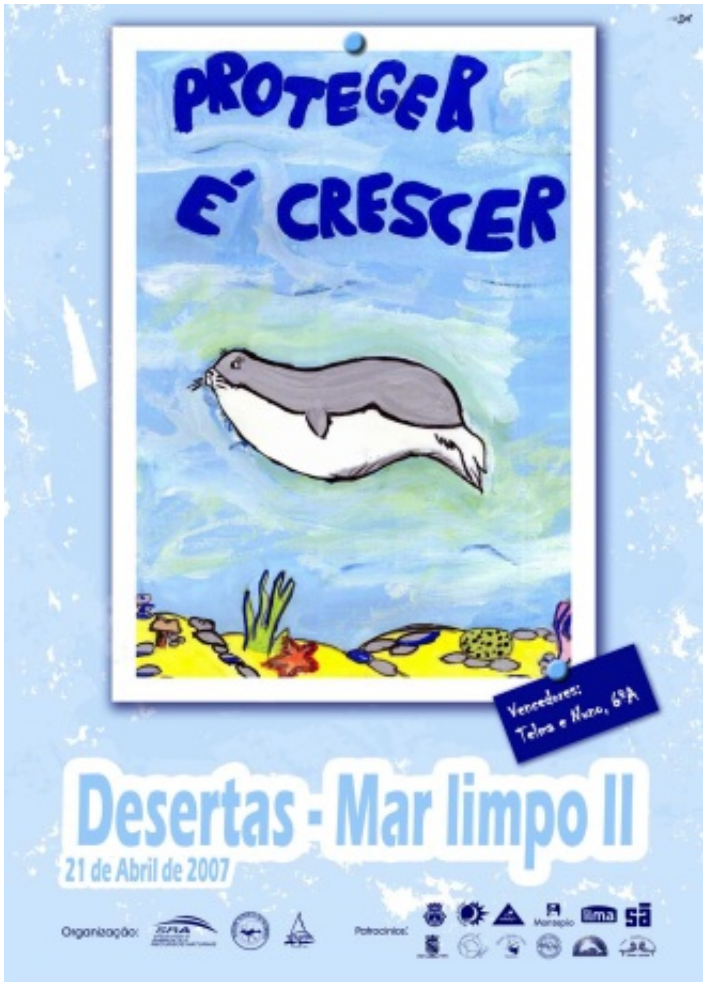

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