

Editorial note

On track

In the second issue of the seventh volume of this journal it almost seems that our prayers expounded in the previous editorial were heard. Fourteen students and researchers from Germany came to explore six of the Cabo Verde Islands and found 18 new records of terrestrial species compared to those listed by Arechavaleta *et al.* (2005). These new records include the first observations of several species for some of these islands and further new observations for Cabo Verde. We refer to the first article entitled ‘*Additions to the checklist of terrestrial biodiversity of Cabo Verde*’. We hope this will motivate other research groups to bring more students to this archipelago on field trips.

Also the Portuguese answered the call and seem to have noticed a different phenotype and behaviour in the octopuses occurring on the Desertas Islands. In this second article, entitled ‘*A potential new endemism: speciation of the common octopus, Octopus vulgaris, in the Desertas Islands, Cabo Verde?*’, possible explanations for these observations are discussed, opening the way for further detailed genetic studies on this topic. It should be noted that this article is, once again, the result of a grant awarded by the SCVZ Desertas Fund. We take this opportunity to inform that this Fund will soon open a new call, this time only for students and researchers from Cabo Verde. Hence, we predict that 2019 will be a year that will yield good native fruits to *Zoologia Caboverdiana*.

We would also like to point out that in this second issue, this modest but pertinent peer-reviewed journal takes a small qualitative leap from two articles and a short note to three original articles, in which Cabo Verdean researchers also participate. More specifically,

we refer to the third and final article, entitled ‘*In situ* method for assessing the biometric data of *Pinna rudis* Linnaeus, 1758’. In this work the authors present an alternative to the invasive methods to obtain essential data to study the morphology of these bivalves. This can be very useful considering that this species is threatened at international level.

As explained here, it is clear that we are on the right track and that 2019 will bring many and fruitful readings to all our members, to whom we wish a frantic First. Best wishes!

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