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**Para:** Rocio Hortigüela  
**Assunto:** RE: DEFEND THE AZORES MARINE PARK!

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**De:** Rocio Hortigüela [REDACTED]  
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**Para:** Apreciacao Publica <apreciacaopublica@alra.pt>  
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Dear Sirs,

I have recently known that the Socialist Party has proposed the downgrading of fully protected areas within the Azores Marine Park aiming to allow pole-and-line tuna fishing in those zones. While this is a traditional and selective fishing method, these protected areas exist to ensure the natural regeneration of marine species and the long-term ecological balance.

With this measure the Socialist Party might be wanting more fishermen to fill Azores waters, but if with that measure you are looking for promoting Azores tourism you are rowing in the opposite direction, since you will be ending up, not only with tuna fish but also the deep-see species and pelagic fisheries that come after tuna fish, preventing not only large fishing tourism to come, but also diving tourism which will avoid Azores waters as they would have lost the pelagic marine life appealing.

Before taking any measure, please carry out a serious marine study and prioritize real environmental policies instead of temporarily easy coming votes.

Thanking you in advanced and with

Best regards,

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