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**Para:** Emilia Dyer  
**Assunto:** RE: Amendment to Regional Legislative Decree No. 28/2011/A

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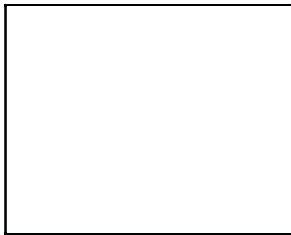
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Dear President of the Permanent Specialized Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, Environment and Sustainable Development,

Please find attached IPNLF's letter of support for the amendment to Regional Legislative Decree No. 28/2011/A, of November 11 which manages the Marine Park.

Kind regards,  
Emilia

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## INTERNATIONAL POLE AND LINE FOUNDATION

### **IPNLF Statement of Support for the Amendment of legislative decree: No. 28/2011/A of 11 November**

The International Pole and Line Foundation (IPNLF) wishes to express its support for the amendment of Regional Legislative Decree 28/2011/A November 11, which lays out the management structure for the Azores Marine Park.

Marine Protected Areas are vital conservation tools to restore biodiversity and IPNLF commends the Azorean government for their ambitious Marine Park which covers 30% of their EEZ. While many fisheries can undermine the efficacy of protected areas, we do not believe this to be the case in low-impact, pole-and-line fisheries. These selective, seasonal fisheries do not degrade biodiversity, do not interfere with the seabed or with vulnerable habitats, and can operate in balance with the ecosystem. In addition, they have significant cultural, social, and economic value, they create and maintain income and employment, contributing to territorial cohesion. Therefore, where these fisheries can be properly managed, they should be permitted to operate in order to sustain their value.

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O IPNLF manifesta o seu apoio à alteração do Decreto Legislativo Regional n.º 28/2011/A, de 11 de novembro, que define a estrutura de gestão do Parque Marinho dos Açores.

As Áreas Marinhas Protegidas são ferramentas vitais de conservação para restaurar a biodiversidade e o IPNLF elogia o governo açoriano pelo seu ambicioso Parque Marinho, que cobre 30% da sua ZEE. Embora muitas pescarias possam prejudicar a eficácia das áreas protegidas, não acreditamos que este seja o caso nas pescarias de baixo impacto, com cana e linha. Estas pescarias seletivas e sazonais não degradam a biodiversidade, não interferem com o fundo do mar ou com habitats vulneráveis e podem operar em equilíbrio com o ecossistema. Além disso, têm um significativo valor cultural, social e económico, criam e mantêm rendimentos e emprego, contribuindo para a coesão territorial. Portanto, onde estas pescarias podem ser geridas adequadamente, devem ser autorizadas a operar para manter o seu valor.

Sincerely,

**IPNLF**