

# Experiência de candidatura em projetos LIFE

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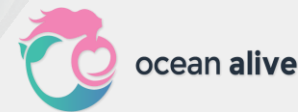
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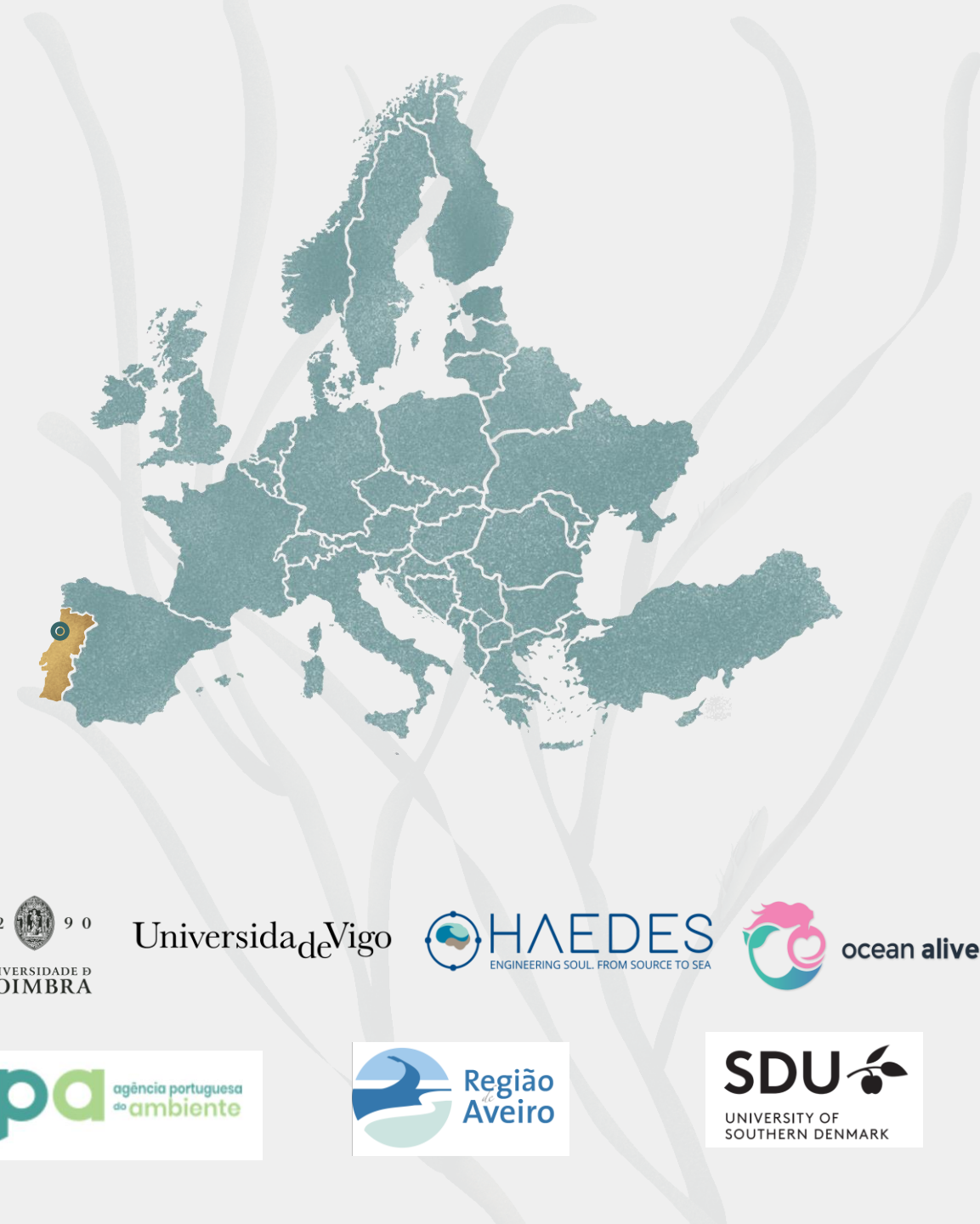
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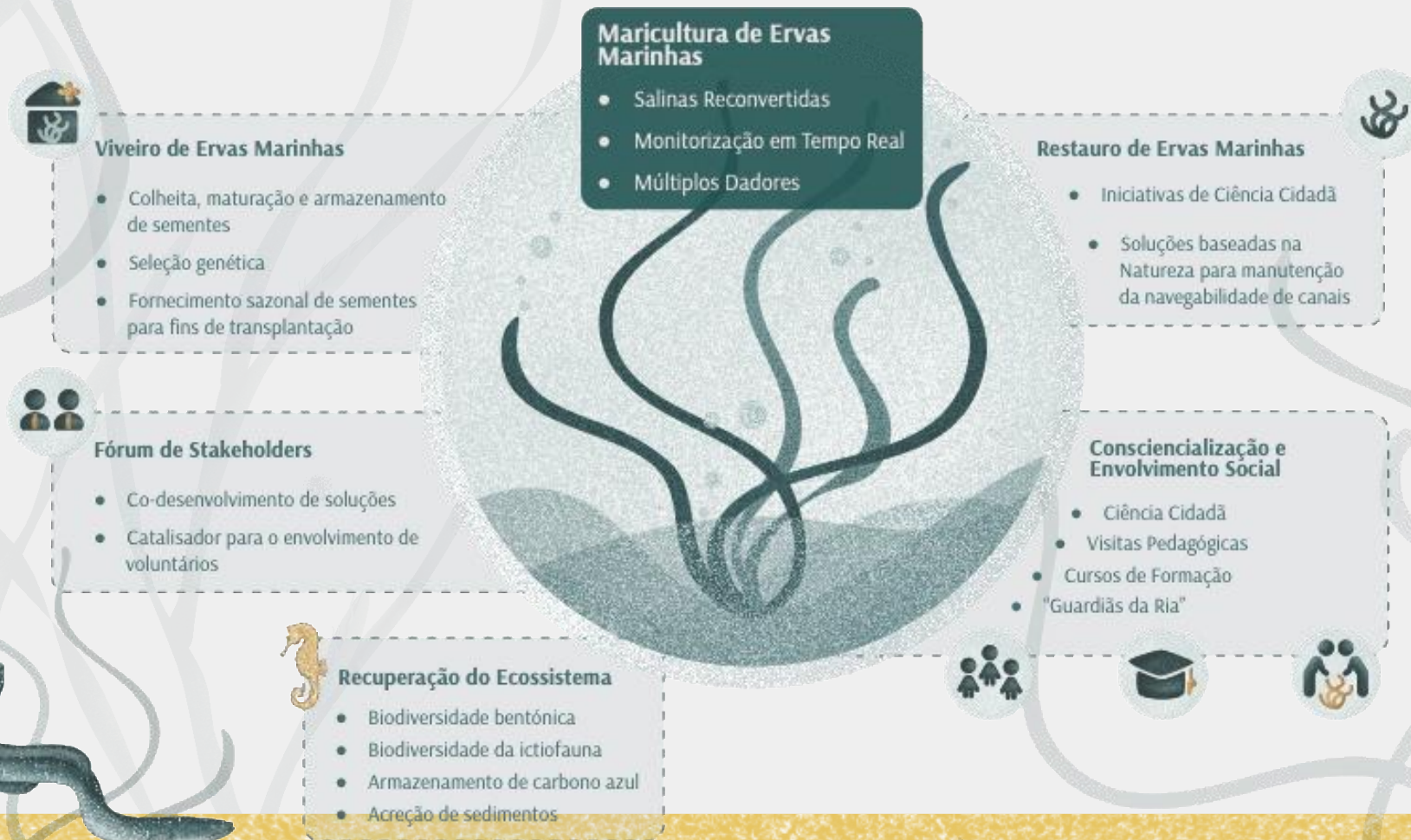
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▪ Parceiros Associados:



# Maricultura de ervas marinhas subtidais para o restauro da Ria de Aveiro



# A importância do Contexto

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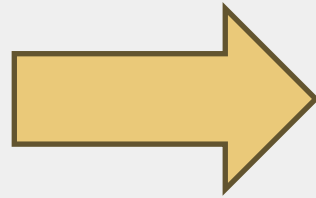
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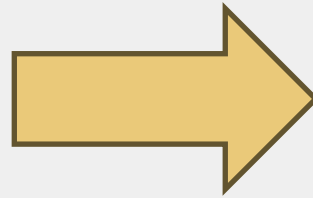


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Mesma ideia base!

# A importância do Contexto

## Os documentos da call são essenciais!

Call: LIFE-2022-SAP-NAT — Nature & Biodiversity - Standard Action Projects (SAP)

EU Grants: Call document (LIFE): V1.0 – 27.04.2022

Once Member States have submitted their commitments or pledges in relation to this target, projects that are focused on implementing any such national commitments or pledges, including through trans-national or trans-boundary approaches are given priority for LIFE support.

- Restoring degraded and carbon-rich ecosystems; prevent and reduce the impact of natural disasters
  - Proposals with a focus on restoring degraded carbon-rich ecosystems are given priority for LIFE support. For forests, this includes proposals aimed at forest restoration to primary forest structure, composition and functioning.
  - Proposals with a focus on deploying Green and Blue Infrastructure in line with the EU guidance<sup>8</sup> as well as other nature-based solutions and restoration actions that would help prevent or reduce the impact of natural disasters, including river restoration projects, are given priority for LIFE support.

### LIFE PROGRAMME

#### LIST OF PRIORITY TOPICS FOR 2021-2024

(applicable to Standard Action Projects and Coordination and Support Actions)

Commitments or pledges, including through trans-national or trans-boundary approaches are given priority for LIFE support.

#### c) Restoring degraded and carbon-rich ecosystems; prevent and reduce the impact of natural disasters

According to the EU Biodiversity Strategy, significant areas of degraded and carbon-rich ecosystems (such as primary and old-growth forests, peatlands, grasslands, wetlands, saltmarshes, mangroves, seagrass meadows and deep-sea cold seeps) need to be restored by 2030.

- Therefore, proposals with a focus on restoring degraded and/or carbon-rich ecosystems are given priority for LIFE support. For forests, this includes proposals aimed at forest restoration to primary forest structure, composition and functioning.

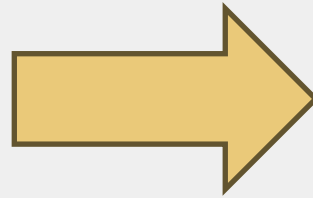
The EU Biodiversity Strategy also emphasises the need for restoration actions to contribute to the prevention of natural disasters (such as floods and wildfires for example) or the reduction of their impacts. It further notes the importance of green and blue infrastructure and nature-based solutions in mitigating the impact of natural disasters.

# A importância do Contexto

LIFE NurSeaRia

Conservação de cavalos marinhos

Berçário (marinhas de sal)  
Restauro de *Zostera marina*  
Envolvimento stakeholders



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Recolonização ervas marinhas subtidais (*Z. marina*)

Berçário (marinhas de sal)  
Co-benefícios - biodiversidade (Cavalos marinhos, enguias)  
Envolvimento stakeholders

# Enquadramento

Área principal – Natureza e Biodiversidade

Sinergias e Potenciais co-benefícios?

- Economia Circular e Qualidade de Vida
- Alterações Climáticas
- Outras sinergias – Década do Restauro da UN, Lei Europeia do Restauro, Estratégia Europeia Biodiversidade



# Enquadramento

## Potencial Bónus na avaliação

Sinergias entre sub-programas LIFE

Área de implementação remota

Sinergia ou aumento de escala de outros projetos europeus financiados

Potencial catalítico

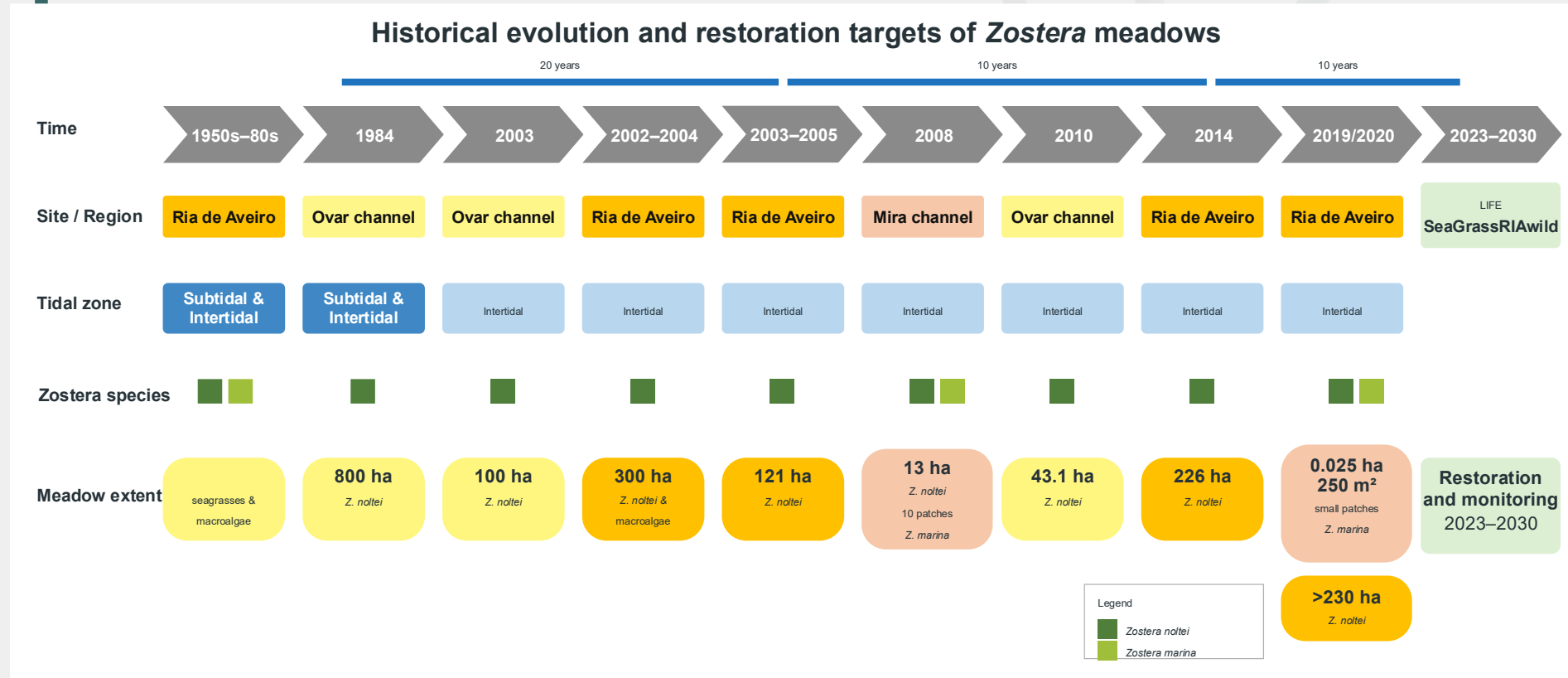
Cooperação transnacional

– value for money of the proposal

### **Bonus points:**

- **Bonus 1:** The proposal offers exceptional synergies and promotes significant co-benefits between LIFE sub-programmes. (2 points).
- **Bonus 2:** The proposal is primarily implemented in the Outermost Regions. Where specific regional features are relevant to the needs addressed in the call for proposals, *e.g. islands for waste, coal-intensive regions for clean energy, etc.*, the **bonus** could be extended to other geographical areas with specific needs and vulnerabilities (2 points).
- **Bonus 3:** The proposal substantially builds on or up-scales the results of other EU funded projects. (2 points).
- **Bonus 4:** The proposal offers an exceptional catalytic potential. (2 points).
- **Bonus 5:** The proposal envisages a transnational cooperation among Member States essential to guarantee the achievement of the project objectives. (2 points).

# Enquadramento



Caracterizar o ponto de partida do habitat/espécie, e qual a contribuição da proposta para a sua melhoria

Realçar o estado da arte, trabalho anterior e as valências do consórcio que permitirão atingir os objetivos propostos

# Objetivos, impacto e Indicadores de Projeto

Definir objetivos claros (SMART - Specific (S); Measurable (M); Achievable (A); Realistic (R); Time-bound (T))

Enquadrar os objetivos do projeto nos objetivos do programa LIFE e nas prioridades do concurso

**LIFE SeagrassRIAwild** addresses the LIFE Programme objectives through target actions (structured in the complementary WPs) with clear evidence of progress beyond the State of the Art (SotA)

LIFE Programme objective	Action (WP)	Progress beyond (SotA)
Halting and reversing loss of wildlife habitats and species	System-wide restoration effort of a priority, critically endangered habitat in a Natura 2000 site (WP5)	The development and use of an innovative seagrass mariculture to support restoration activities minimizing damage to donor populations  Spill-over effects on the conservation status of 2-3 critically endangered fish species
Development, demonstration, promotion and stimulation of scaling up innovative techniques, including nature-based solutions	Development of seagrass mariculture (B.1-B.3), nursery processes (WP4) and implementation of seagrass-based green infrastructures for system management (WP5)	Upscaling restoration efforts from mariculture plant biomass, supported by a cost-benefit analysis in the context of ecosystem services; Optimization of nursery processes for restoration purposes, following a transdisciplinary approach; Development of innovative, environmental-economic sustainable solutions for <u>ecohydrodynamics</u> processes and navigability maintenance
Enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society, namely through citizen science	Ria de Aveiro Stakeholders forum (WP2), Citizen science restoration efforts (WP5), " <u>Guardiães da Ria</u> " network (WP7) environmental education and training (WP7)	Stakeholder co-creation process complemented by engagement as multiplier effect for citizen-science activities; Pedagogic visits to promote social awareness, engagement and participation in restoration; Capacity building activities to local fishing communities; Practitioner-oriented capacitation training for upscaling and replication

# Objetivos, impacto e Indicadores de Projeto

Avaliar o impacto do projeto em diversos níveis e concretizar com números:

- Conservação da Natureza e Biodiversidade
- Socio-económico (custo/benefício)
- Resiliência e mitigação de alterações climáticas

**Indicadores de projeto realistas!**

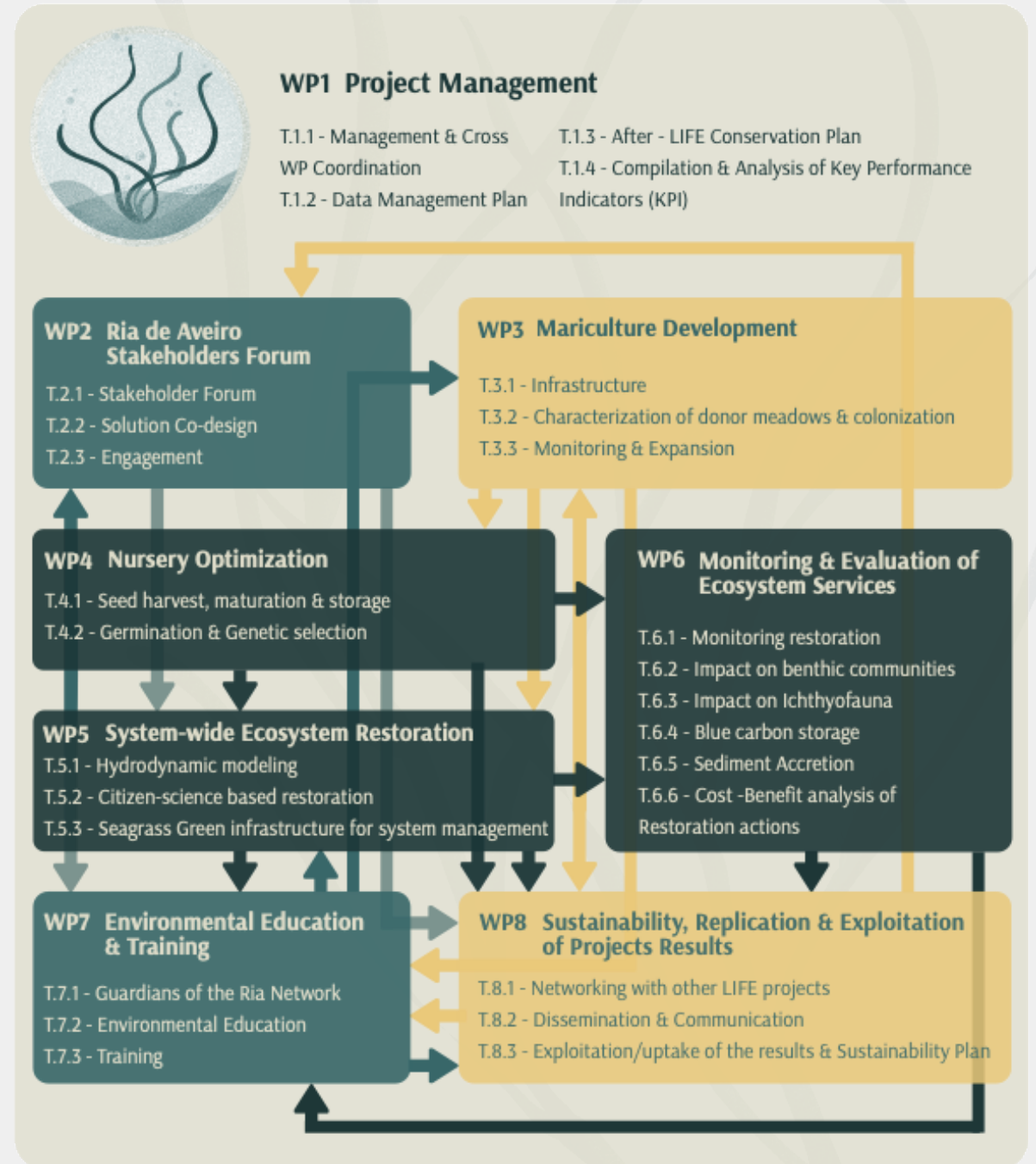
- 19 (fase de candidatura) → 10 (snapshot inicial de LPI)
- Redução de números

# Organização

WP obrigatórias  
(monitorização e  
replicação/disseminação/  
sustentabilidade)

Distribuição de  
deliverables ao longo do  
tempo

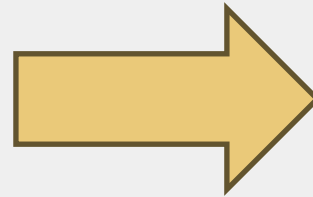
Milestones como  
indicadores de realização



# Consórcio

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Beneficiário Único



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7 beneficiários

4 parceiros associados

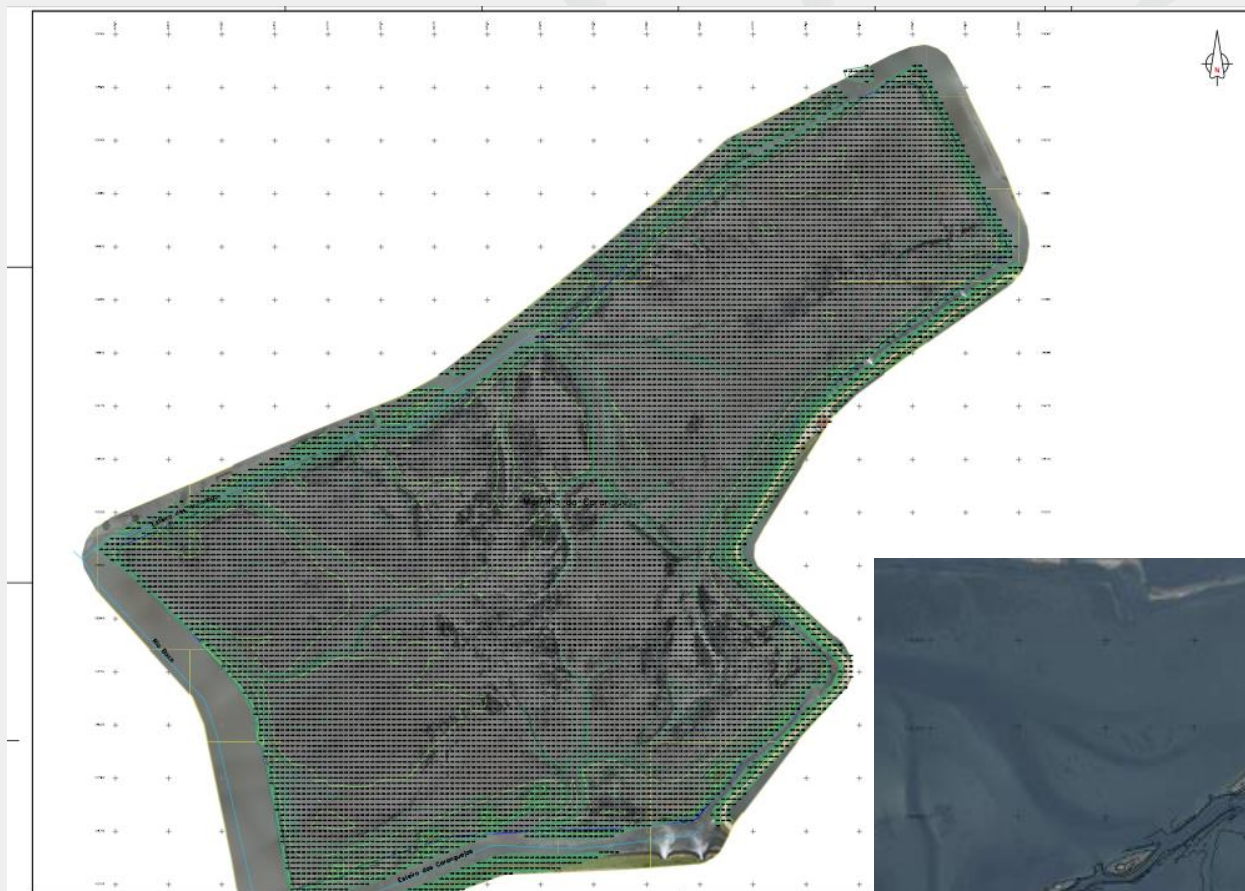
Parceiros de excelência para valências necessárias

Ferramentas de procura de parceiros

Essencial o aval e envolvimento das entidades reguladoras!

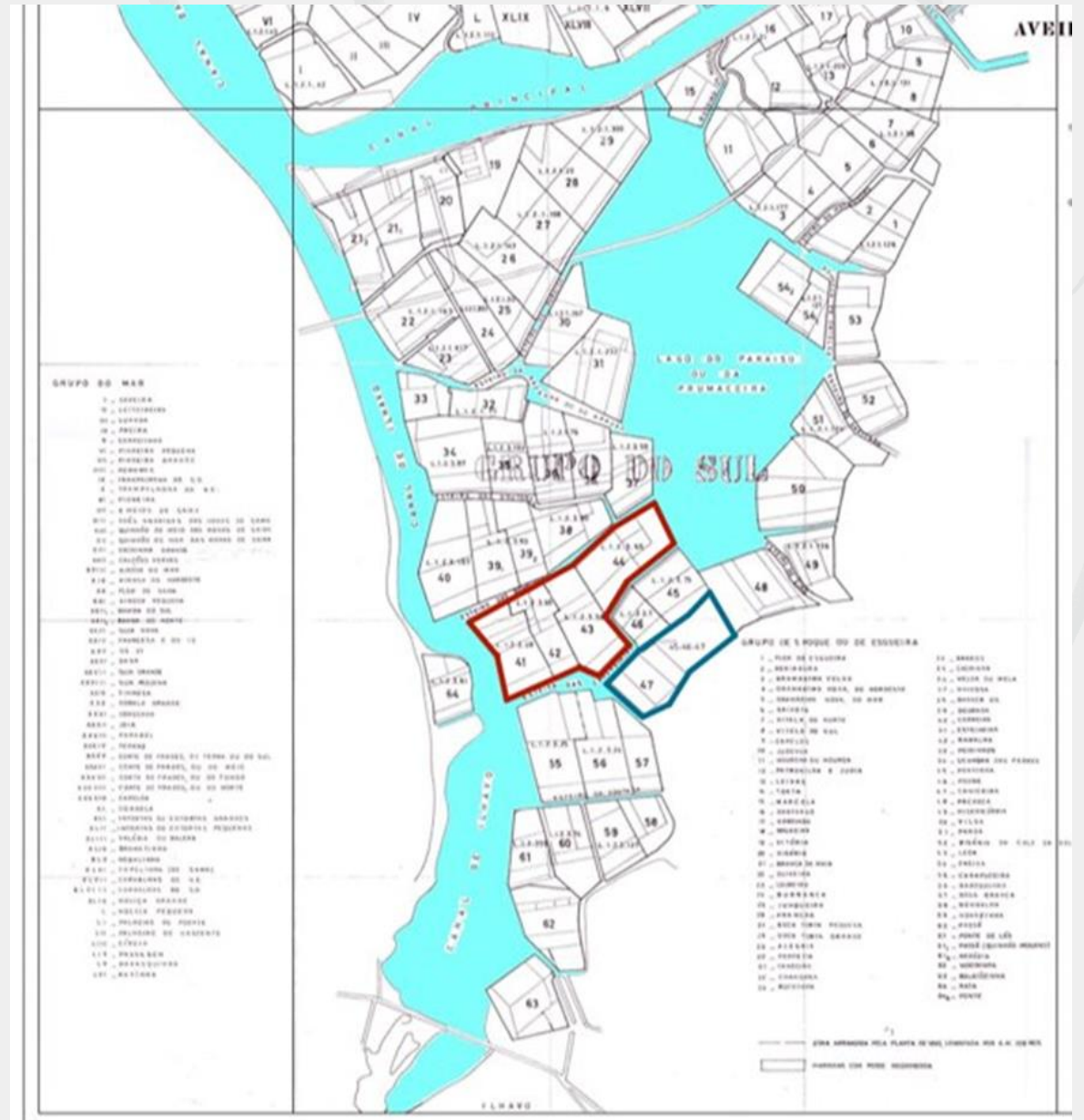
# Orçamento

- Solução inicial – recuperação de marinhas propriedade da UAveiro (26 Ha)
- Aumento de custo significativo da proposta para a implementação
- Redução de área para mínimo no GA (8Ha) mas ainda acima do orçamento.



# Orçamento

- Solução alternativa – Aquisição de propriedade contígua (10 Ha)
- Funcional
- Redução de custos
- Antecipação da colonização
- Implicou pedido de amendment.



# Orçamento

Preparar orçamento não para hoje, mas para daqui a 2 anos

buffer de segurança pela imprevisibilidade dos mercados

Orçamentos múltiplos, especialmente para construção/reabilitação de infraestruturas

Considerar o vínculo do Investigador Responsável

# Orçamento

Explorar a possibilidade de atingir os 75% de financiamento

Habitat prioritário

Espécie prioritária

Se focar espécies/habitats prioritários e não prioritários, o financiamento só atinge os 67%.

The costs will be reimbursed at the funding rate fixed in the Grant Agreement (maximum **60%**).

You can apply for a higher project funding rate if your project is:

- a 'project targeting exclusively priority habitats/species' (**75%**), i.e. targets exclusively:
  - a priority habitat or species for the implementation of the EU Habitats Directive [92/43](#), as listed in the relevant annexes of this Directive
  - a bird species considered as "priority for funding" by the Committee for Adaptation to Technical and Scientific Progress set up pursuant to Article 16 of the EU Birds Directive [2009/147](#)<sup>19</sup> ([https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/wildbirds/life\\_priority/index\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/wildbirds/life_priority/index_en.htm))
  - a habitat type or species listed in the annexes of the Habitats Directive 92/43, the conservation status of which has been assessed as unfavorable-bad and with a declining trend (U2-) in the most recent available EU- and national-level biogeographical region assessments
  - a habitat type or species (other than birds) the EU-level threat status of which has been assessed as "endangered" or worse in the most up-to-date published version of a European [species red list](#) or [habitats red list](#), including in territories not covered by these lists
  - any other habitat or species in territories not covered by the European species or habitats red lists, the threat status of which has been assessed as "endangered" or worse in the most up-to date published version of global IUCN red lists of species or habitats.

## HIGHER FUNDING RATE (PRIORITY EU SPECIES OR HABITAT TYPES 75% OR 67%)

Status: **Yes**

### **IF YES, DOES THE PROPOSED ACTION TARGET THE CONSERVATION OF PRIORITY HABITATS AND/OR SPECIES**

**YES – THE PROPOSAL TARGETS EXCLUSIVELY PRIORITY HABITATS AND/OR SPECIES AND IS ELIGIBLE TO THE FUNDING RATE OF 75%**

### **Give reasons:**

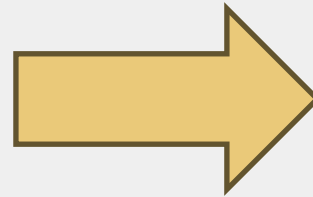
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# Consórcio

LIFE NurSeaRia

Espécies

“(…) data is deficient for *Hippocampus* spp., and *Z. marina* has a conservation status of **Least Concern**.”



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Habitats

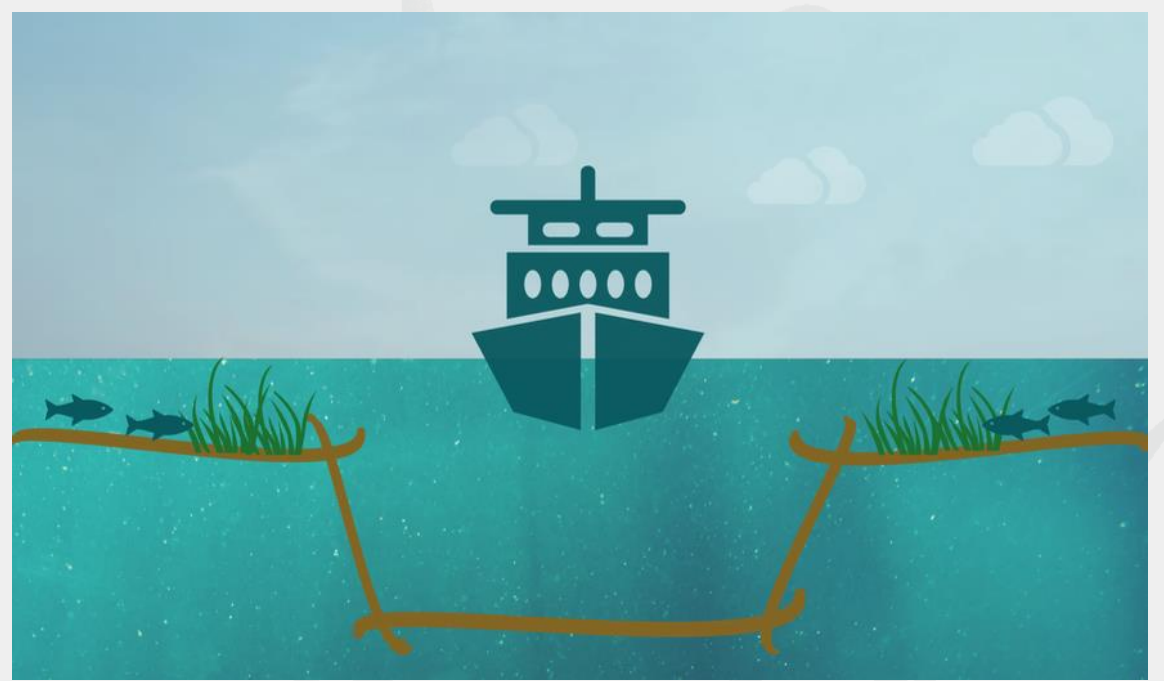
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# Sustentabilidade

Colocar o projeto ao serviço das pessoas

Solução baseada na Natureza para a gestão do sistema

Co-benefícios ecológicos



# Sustentabilidade

Infraestrutura como legado do projeto

Apoio ao Plano Nacional de Restauro da Natureza

Créditos voluntários de Carbono



# Sustentabilidade

Como garantir a sustentabilidade pós-projeto?

Serviços prestados à comunidade?

Mecenato?

Avaliado em sede de candidatura!

# Dicas

Começar o quanto antes!

Contactar os parceiros antecipadamente, ter em atenção o período de candidatura e de férias das instituições

Licenciamentos, infraestruturas – prever atrasos

Aproveitar a duração dos projetos LIFE



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