





# jUMP – Joint action for underwater noise monitoring in Portuguese waters

How local initiatives could support MSFD implementation?

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# **Back to 2014... Preparatory meetings for MSFD**

2014



MSFD Preparatory meetings in PT



Clear need to know more and systematic data gathering

**Descriptor 11** – considered for the programme of measures (in PT) "the measures which need to be taken in order to achieve or maintain good environmental status"

- Few information available about underwater noise levels
- Few information about noise sources
- Few information about distribution and occurrence of sensitive species

2017



Porposal submission to Fundo Azul managed by DGPM









## **JUMP PROJECT – General Information**

**Objective:** Promote and discuss underwater noise monitoring in Portuguese waters

#### **JUMP General Information**

**Funding: Fundo Azul** 

Reference: FA\_06\_2017\_098

Operation costs: € 166.407,00

Funding: € 149.776,00

**Duration: 24 months** 

Start date: 02/01/2020

End date: 31/12/2021































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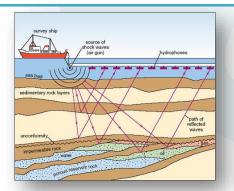
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#### Sensitive species (e.g.)

- Cetacean species in ZEE
- Sperm whale (Azores)
- The long-snouted seahorse (Olhão, mainland)
- Monk seal (Madeira)































## **Snapshots – Measuring underwater noise**

- Systematic underwater noise recordings @2 sites:
  - Aveiro and Olhão

20 m

30 m

50 m



- Measure underwater noise levels in coastal regions
- Calibrate sound propagation models
- Methods:
  - Drifting measurements
  - Fixed measurements









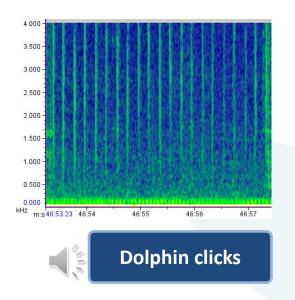


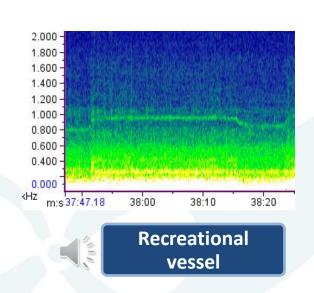




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Background noise: natural environment + shipping





- BB noise levels: range from 97 to 121 dB re 1μPa
- Under analysis TOL at 63Hz and 125 Hz bands as recommended by MSFD

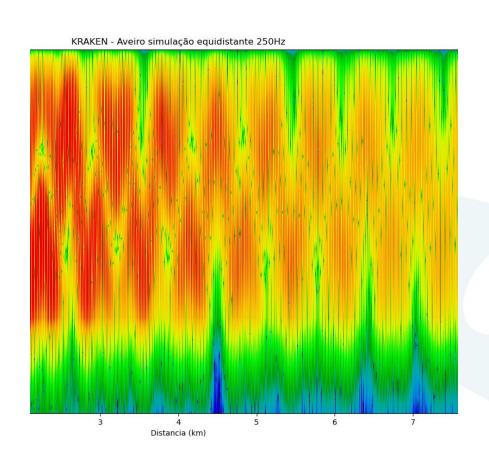








# **jUMP Modelling tool**



**Bathymetry** 

**Seabed composition** 

Water temperature

**Salinity** 

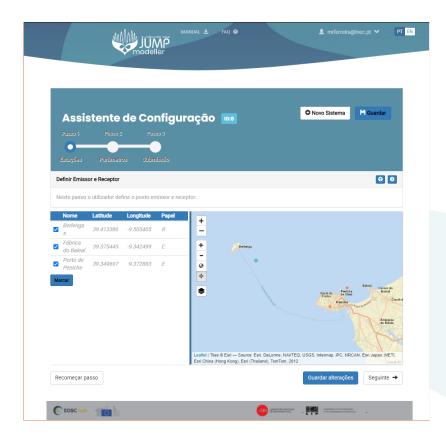


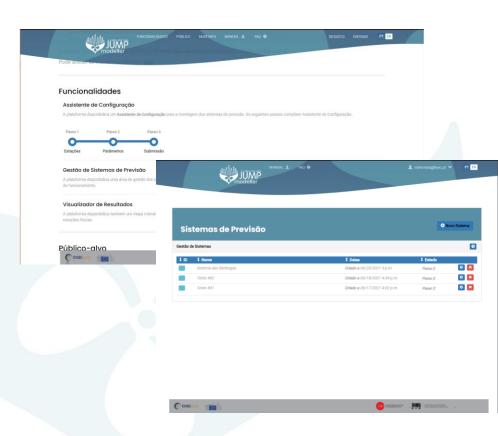






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## Raising awareness



What about this work without engagement?









## **Conclusions**

- Although geophysics campaigns are a relevant source of anthropogenic noise there is not a specific framework regarding monitoring of underwater noise levels;
- Shipping industry is developing effort to mitigate underwater noise levels
- Underwater noise levels similar to other regions
- Fixed stations provide a better information about variation of noise levels
- Tools developed in the project will be available to be used by administration to address MSFD – need for training; improvement to consider cumulative sources









### **Further actions**

