**Key research areas**
(I) Taxonomy & Conservation  
(II) Ecological economics & Environmental education  
(III) Macroecology

- **Inventorying and mapping the biodiversity of bryophytes and arthropods of the Azores**
- **Study the anatomy of Azorean biodiversity, analyzing existing patterns of species distribution and abundance at multiple scales**
- **Using ATLANTIS database to assess the effectiveness of the Azorean protected area network for maintaining and/or enhancing biodiversity**

- **Investigate the scale and type of land-use change that is required to halt the decline of biodiversity by 2010**
- **Evaluate the rarity of Azorean endemic and/or threatened bryophytes and arthropods to produce the first RED LIST of Azorean fauna and flora**
- **Using molecular techniques to identify distinct conservation units and improve the management of endemic species and their habitats**

- **Study of the cave flora and fauna of the Azorean lava tubes and volcanic pits (biospeleology)**
- **Control and management of pests in the Azores (e.g. termites)**
- **Study the environmental attitudes in the Azores and promote environmental education issues**

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**Project's Future Direction**

**SOCIAL RESPONSE TO RISK**

**Politics**

**Science**

**Technical Administration**

**Public media perception**

**Public trust and responsibility attribution**

**Message legitimation and attractability**

**Risk communication planning**

**Goals selection**

**Target groups selection**

**Strategies selection**

**Elaboration of action plans**

**Risk communication management**

**Implementation of action plans**

**Supervision and regulation of action plans**

**Analysis of the implemented environmental risk communication strategies**

**Evaluation of the impact of risk profiles**

**Environmental Attitudes: HEP-NEP Scale. Azores, N=600, 2005**