

COMFORT LETTER

To Whom It May Concern,

The Ministry of the Sea is pleased to acknowledge the importance of the proposal by Rui Rosa to the Animal Behavior and Cognition Funding Opportunity by the National Geographic Society. The goal of this 4-year research project is to perform an in-depth evaluation of shark cognition, with a special attention for the iconic scalloped hammerhead sharks, in Sal Rei Bay (Boavista Island) - a multispecific shark nursery recently described by the same team, in partnership with cape verdean institutions.

We recognize the efforts of this team to forward scientific research and literacy in the region and favour the engagement of stakeholders at the regional, national and international levels. As such, we express our will to support it by interacting with the team involved, through the National Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture, namely by exchanging expert views and developing field activities.

Office of the Minister of the Sea, on the 11th day of April 2023

The Director

Carlos Alberto Monteiro

