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Deep-sea Chondrichthyes of the Macaronesian Islands (NE Atlantic Ocean)

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In the framework of five major research projects carried out in waters off the Azores, Madeira, Canary and Cape Verde Islands –the Macaronesian archipelagos–, field work was done to prospect the deep-sea biodiversity and to search for new species of potential commercial interest between 250 and 2500 m.

On board of several research and fishing vessels, traps (both bottom and semi-floating) and longlines (both bottom and drifting mid-water) were used as fishing gear at seven depth strata (mean depths at 250, 500, 750, 1000, 1500, 2000 and 2500 m).



Results of this research are given herein including a systematic list of the sharks, rays and rabbit fishes collected by archipelago and depth strata, with new records for each area.

Several voucher specimens from all species found were deposited as reference collections in the Museo de Ciencias Naturales de Tenerife (TFMC) and the Museu de História Natural do Funchal (MMF).

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