



## THE OCEAN IS OUR LAND

April 15 to 24, 2024

### EARTH DAY GOES BLUER: OCEAN PROTECTION TAKES CENTER STAGE WITH DOZENS OF ACTIVITIES NATIONWIDE

"**The Ocean is Our Land**" once again serves as the theme for Earth Day, celebrated on April 22, with events spanning the entire week. Oceano Azul Foundation invites all organisations, national entities, and civil society to participate.

Given the ocean's crucial importance to life on Earth, **over 70 organisations will host more than 100 activities from April 15 to 24, extending across the country from north to south, including the islands.** These events aim to raise awareness, educate, and inspire curiosity about protecting this vital life-supporting system.

A full list of registered activities is available on **Oceano Azul Foundation's [website](#)**, with new activities added daily by participating organisations. To join this movement for active citizenship, simply explore the available activities and contact the respective organising entities.

The initiative's programme features a wide range of educational and awareness-raising, including contests, challenges, quizzes, and games; surfing lessons; courses and workshops; exhibitions and artistic displays; beach, riverbank, and underwater clean-ups; as well as lectures, seminars, and conferences.

For ten days, the "The Ocean is Our Land" initiative aims to demonstrate that addressing and contributing to solutions for the ocean's current challenges is achievable. By uniting organisations dedicated to ocean conservation, the initiative celebrates a collective effort to increase public awareness of the ocean's critical role in maintaining planetary balance.

Since 2020, Oceano Azul Foundation has supported this week of ocean-focused activities in celebration of Earth Day. Over the past four editions, more than 500 activities have been organised by approximately 150 organisations.

Earth Day is celebrated annually in 193 countries, reflecting the growing awareness of the urgent need to protect both the ocean and the planet.

### Highlights of planned activities by associations, NGOs, public and private entities:

#### April 16 to 19

Date & Time	Activity Name	Location	Organisation
16/04   18h00	Desafios atuais na Década dos Oceanos 2021-2030	NORTE - Galeria da Biodiversidade do Porto	FOCA - Focus on Critical Actions
17/04   9h30	Ação de Limpeza e Sensibilização no estuário do Sado	LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO - Estuário do Sado	NIAT Grupo de Proteção Ambiental
19/04   12h00	Atelier Sénior: O Mar É para Todas as Idades	LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO - Oceanário de Lisboa	Município de Reguengos de Monsaraz
15, 22, 24/04 10h00	A Arte de Saber Pescar	CENTRO - Praia da Foz do Arelho, Caldas da Rainha	Associação PATO
19/04   10h30	Ria Mais Formosa	ALGARVE - Cais Comercial de Faro	Projeto Gea
15 a 19/04	Biodiversidade e cadeias alimentares	AÇORES - Ilha Terceira - Observatório do Ambiente dos Açores - Centro de Ciência de Angra do Heroísmo	Observatório do Ambiente dos Açores - Centro de Ciência de Angra do Heroísmo
19/04   10h00	BlueFest LOTA	AÇORES - São Miguel - Lota de Ponta Delgada	LOTAÇOR

**April 20 to 21**

Date & Time	Activity Name	Location	Organisation
20/04   14h30	Agir entre Marés	NORTE - Marginal de Vila Nova de Gaia	Associação BioLiving
20/04   10h30	Encontrei um golfinho, e agora?	LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO - Museu do Mar Rei D. Carlos	RALVT - Rede de Arrojamentos de Lisboa e Vale do Tejo
20/04   10h00	O Futuro do Oceano - Limpeza subaquática	LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO - Praia do Creiro, Serra da Arrábida	WIND - Desporto, Natureza e Aventura
20/04   09h30	Monitorização de lixo marinho e limpeza de praia	LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO - Praia da Cruz Quebrada	APLM
20/04   11h00	Recolha de Lixo e Jam Session	LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO - Praia do Meco	Caretakers Meco   Planet Caretakers
21/04   10h30	Limpeza Costeira e Plogging - Dia da Terra	LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO - Praia das Avencas	Minimalistas do Lixo e SEI - Shark Educational Institute
20/04   10h00	Atelier Sénior: O Mar É para Todas as Idades	CENTRO - Plogging em Luso	AJCL - Missão Verde
21/04   10h00	Arade Azul - Dia da Terra	ALGARVE - Praia do Inatel, Albufeira	Associação Teia D'Impulsos
21/04   14h30	Earth Day Everyday - Evento em celebração ao Dia da Terra	ALGARVE - Wake Park Lagos	SOMAR
20/04   14h00	Introdução dos cetáceos	AÇORES - SÃO MIGUEL - Vila Franca do Campo	Terra Azul
20/04   16h00	Aula de surf e limpeza de praia	AÇORES - GRACIOSA	Praiese Surf Academy
20/04   10h00	Caça às beatas	AÇORES - TERCEIRA - Forte Grande de São Mateus da Calheta	Gê-Questa

**April 22 to 24**

Date & Time	Activity Name	Location	Organisation
22/04   17h00	Sabias que estás a consumir Tubarões e Raias?	LinkedIn da ANP   WWF	ANP   WWF
22/04   10h30	Plogging inclusivo	LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO - Praia dos Pescadores, Ericeira	Município de Mafra
24/04   21h00	A Problemática da Pesca Fantasma	Instagram Ghost Diving Portugal	Ghost Diving Portugal

Full programme [here](#). Sign up and give the ocean a voice!



## About the Oceano Azul Foundation

Oceano Azul Foundation is an international organisation based in Portugal, established in 2017. With the motto **From the ocean's point of view**, its mission is to contribute to a healthy and productive ocean for the benefit of all life on the planet. Grounded in science, the Foundation's work aims to **protect, develop, and enhance Blue Natural Capital** by integrating key areas such as **Ocean Conservation, International Ocean Advocacy, and the Blue Economy**, while also focusing on Literacy and Education and Civil Society Empowerment.

The Foundation's change model enables the development of projects centred on Marine Protected Areas and sustainable fishing, while also providing advice to governments and decision-makers to advance the international ocean agenda. It collaborates with other foundations and civil society organisations, the United Nations, and the European Union. The Foundation also conducts communication campaigns to amplify its impact through greater awareness and understanding of the importance of protecting and restoring the ocean.

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