

Zooplankton illustrated guide for the Portuguese waters

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A guide to promote the oceans literacy is presented, through the scientific illustration of taxa of the main zooplankton groups occurring on the Portuguese coast, combined with information on their natural history and morphology. The illustrations were made using a microscope and a stereomicroscope, both equipped with a camera lucida.

The illustration technics explored were: collared pencil and acrylic ink on polyester (for species general views) and Indian ink on polyester (for details). After scanning, the draws were finalized using digital software to create the final layout. In order to promote its outreach, allowing an easier approach for non-specialists, special efforts were made to disseminate information in a visual way.