

Face to Face with Groupers – a new book

A different perspective on groupers through scientific illustration techniques in Portugal

In our last Newsletter, I published a short note announcing my new book “Face to Face with Groupers”. The book is finally completed and I have begun its distribution worldwide. Although I was always shy when talking about my own work illustrating groupers, I realized that, for many people, it is a novelty. I hope that you are all able to get a copy to enjoy a different perspective on groupers through scientific illustration techniques, portraying them as if they were alive and interacting with the reader – at least, I tried to show them in this way.

The official inauguration (26 March 2022) was held in the Museum of Angra do Heroísmo, Azores, Portugal, where I also inaugurated an exhibition on 22 January 2022 of some of the original drawings used in the book. The feedback, from both fellow scientists and, perhaps more importantly, from the public, was great. I hope this artistic perspective is contributing towards a better understanding by people that groupers are not just a food resource for fishing but also amazing and often beautiful fishes. Sure, they are tasty – but many exploited grouper species require adequate monitoring and protection measures for their populations to persist. The exhibit travelled to other Museums in the Azores and went to the National Museum of Natural History in

Science in Lisbon later in 2022.

The book is bilingual (Portuguese/English) and is available from the publisher’s website at <https://www.letraslavadas.pt/meros-do-mundo/>.

Besides the illustrations, the book includes data on basic ecology and distribution for each of the 50 species portrayed and additional information on occurrence, fishing pressure, distribution, and biological characteristics. Yvonne Sadovy was very kind in writing the book’s Foreword.

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