

Project Update: October 2018

In one of our recent excursions with the students, we documented and reported an environmental crime, in the heart of the estuary. All our efforts to protect our habitats, being literally wiped out by the aquaculture farms. The document has already been sent to government bodies, which received our report with indignation and have promptly sent a team to investigate this case. We are also trying to expose this case on social media and local news, hoping that some measures will be taken against the farm.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME REPORTED IN A MARINE PROTECTED AREA

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In our last school excursion to the estuary of Mundau River, students and teachers were shocked by the drone images they made. Firstly, they had access to the mangroves denied by employees of Cunha-Mar Aquaculture, without any further explanation. Intrigued by this action, our teachers, Mr. Bonifacio and Mr. Ribeiro decided to access the area from the other side of the estuary and fly the drone to investigate the mangrove. The image captured by the drone showed an absolute shocking environmental crime! A large portion of the mangrove has been illegally deforested, likely to expand prawn's production in the farm. Mr. Ribeiro later explained that the farm is already in a Protected Area and its impact in the mangrove have a profound effect in the diversity of the estuary. The picture has been sent to Government stakeholders and received as a shocking and revolting news. The report was also covered by the main stream news in Ceara, and is getting a lot of attention. The school is taking further actions, and will personally contact the Federal Police to have this case investigated.



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