



JOSÉ ANTÓNIO FERNANDES
President
Associação de Armadores de Pesca Artesanal do Pico

José António Fernandes, born on April the second, 1958, in Ribeirinha's village, Lajes do Pico County, of fisherman father.

At the age 12 he started school at "Fisherman's House" in Horta – Faial Island, a boarding school where he studied until he was 14 years old, finishing his training as a licensed fisherman.

In 1973 embarked on a tuna ship, as a fisherman. Later embarked on longline vessels and than on a ship trawler, fishing for cod in the Newfoundland waters.

In 1986 he became owner of a fishing vessel, activity that he still keeps.

For several years he was a Fishing Technology Instructor in maritime and skipper courses.

Founding member and first president of Pico's Artisanal Shipowners Association, since 2004, a position that he maintains to these days.

Founding partner of the Azorean Fisheries Federation in 2005 and in 2010 he took over as president, a position he still holds today.

Partner at the Southern Western Waters Regional Advisory Council (CCRS) since it's inception to date, having held the position of President of the Insular Group (Azores, Madeira and Canary Islands) in the binary 2012/2013.

Founding Partner of the newly created, Feb / 2015, Pico's Pickers Association (seafood), in which he holds the position of President.