



Ricardo da Piedade Abreu Serrão Santos

He was elected Member of European Parliament by the Socialist Party on May 25th, 2014.

He is full member of the Fisheries Committee and of the Inter-Parliamentary Delegation for EU relations with Canada, as well as a substitute member of the Agriculture Committee and of the Inter-Parliamentary Delegation for EU relations with the United States.

Ricardo Serrão Santos holds a Doctorate degree in Biology from the University of Liverpool and the University of the Azores. Chair of IMAR- Institute of Marine Research- and former Pro-Rector of the University of the Azores. Former Director of the Department of Oceanography and Fisheries (DOP) at the University of the Azores.

Awarded the “Gift to the Earth” by the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) in June 2002.

Member of the Scientific Board of the Oceanography Institute in Paris and Visiting Professor at Southampton University. Vice-Chair of the European Marine Board and Chair of EurOcean and EurOcean Foundation. Member of the Regional Council for the Strategic Conciliation of the Azores. Chair of the Azorean Fisheries Observation Program (POPA). Member of the Cross-Sector Council for the Maritime Affairs of the Azores (CIAMA). In 2007, he coordinated a meeting of international experts, promoted by the United Nations Biodiversity Convention, which defined the scientific criteria for the selection of marine EBSA (Ecological and Biological Significant Areas), adopted at the COP9 in Bona.

The weekly newspaper “Expresso” considered him one of eight personalities to have projected Portugal as an ocean-oriented nation in Europe. The Visão magazine distinguished him among 10 personalities highlighted in “Paixão do Mar”.

His profile was featured in the first edition of the National Geographic-Portugal magazine.

He was awarded the Autonomous Insignia of Recognition, awarded by the Regional Legislative Assembly of the Azores and by the Government of the Azores (Mau 2012). He was knighted “Chevalier de l’ Ordre de Saint Charles” by SAS Prince Albert II of Monaco (November 2013).

He is married and has two children.