

**Subject: Protocol for Financial Support between the Portuguese Society of Ecology (SPECO) and the Society of Tropical Ecology (GTOE)**

Date: 01 January 2024

The objective of this document is to formalize a protocol between the Portuguese Society of Ecology (SPECO) and the Society of Tropical Ecology (gtö) regarding financial support for the organization of the European Conference of Tropical Ecology, which will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.

**Purpose of Agreement:**

This protocol is established to outline the terms and conditions under which the Society of Tropical Ecology (gtö) agrees to provide financial support to the Portuguese Society of Ecology (SPECO) for the organization of the European Conference of Tropical Ecology.

**Financial Support:**

GTOE commits to providing SPECO with a subsidy of 26,000 euros to fund expenses related to the organization of the European Conference of Tropical Ecology. The funds will be transferred in as a lump sum to the following SPECO Bank account: SPECO, IBAN PT50 0035 0081 00092985630 53, BIC SWIFT CGDIPTPL.

**Utilization of Funds:**

SPECO agrees to utilize the funds exclusively for the purposes of organizing the European Conference of Tropical Ecology, including a donation of 1,500 euros (one thousand and five hundred euros) to support the development of activities of scientific congress dissemination/organization. Any amount not utilized for the above purposes will be returned to GTOE no later than at the end of February 2024.

**Financial Reporting:**

No later than 10 days after the end of the conference, SPECO will provide GTOE with a financial report detailing the utilization of the subsidy. This report will include a list of all expenses and the corresponding receipts. The reporting will be proceeded on the provided expense sheet approved with the treasurer of the Society for Tropical Ecology (gtö).

**Term of Agreement:**

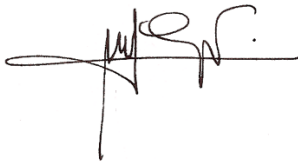
This protocol is effective as of 2 February 2024 and will remain in effect until 10 days after the successful conclusion of the European Conference of Tropical Ecology. Either party may terminate

this agreement with written notice to the other party in case of a material breach of the terms outlined herein.

Signatures:

This protocol is entered into by the undersigned representatives of SPECO and of the Society for Tropical Ecology (gtö).

Amélia Loução, SPECO Representative

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Pierre-Michel FORGET

President, Society for Tropical Ecology (gtö)

05 January 2024