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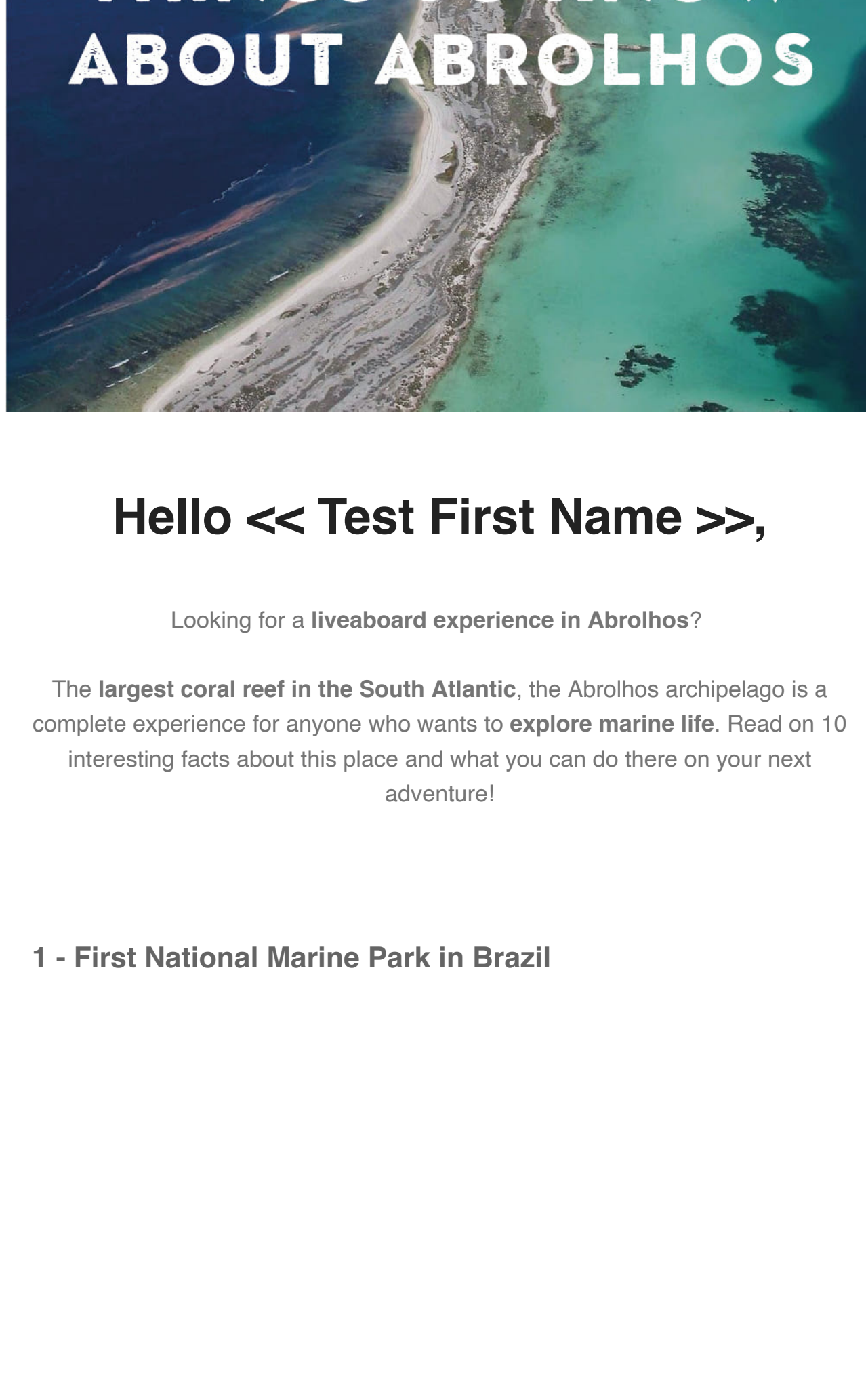
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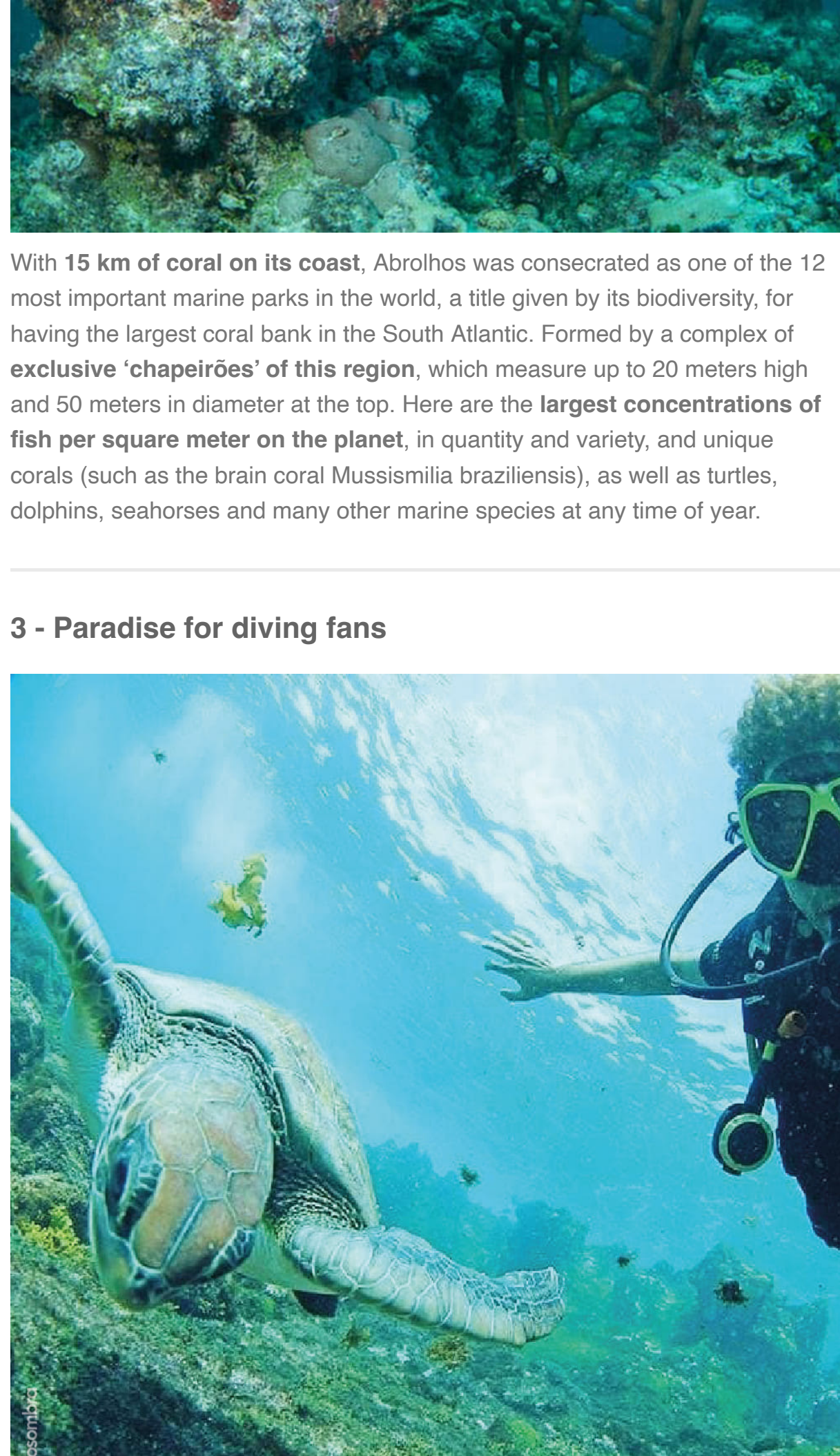
Looking for a liveboard experience in Abrolhos?

The largest coral reef in the South Atlantic, the Abrolhos archipelago is a complete experience for anyone who wants to explore marine life. Read on 10 interesting facts about this place and what you can do there on your next adventure!

### 1 - First National Marine Park in Brazil

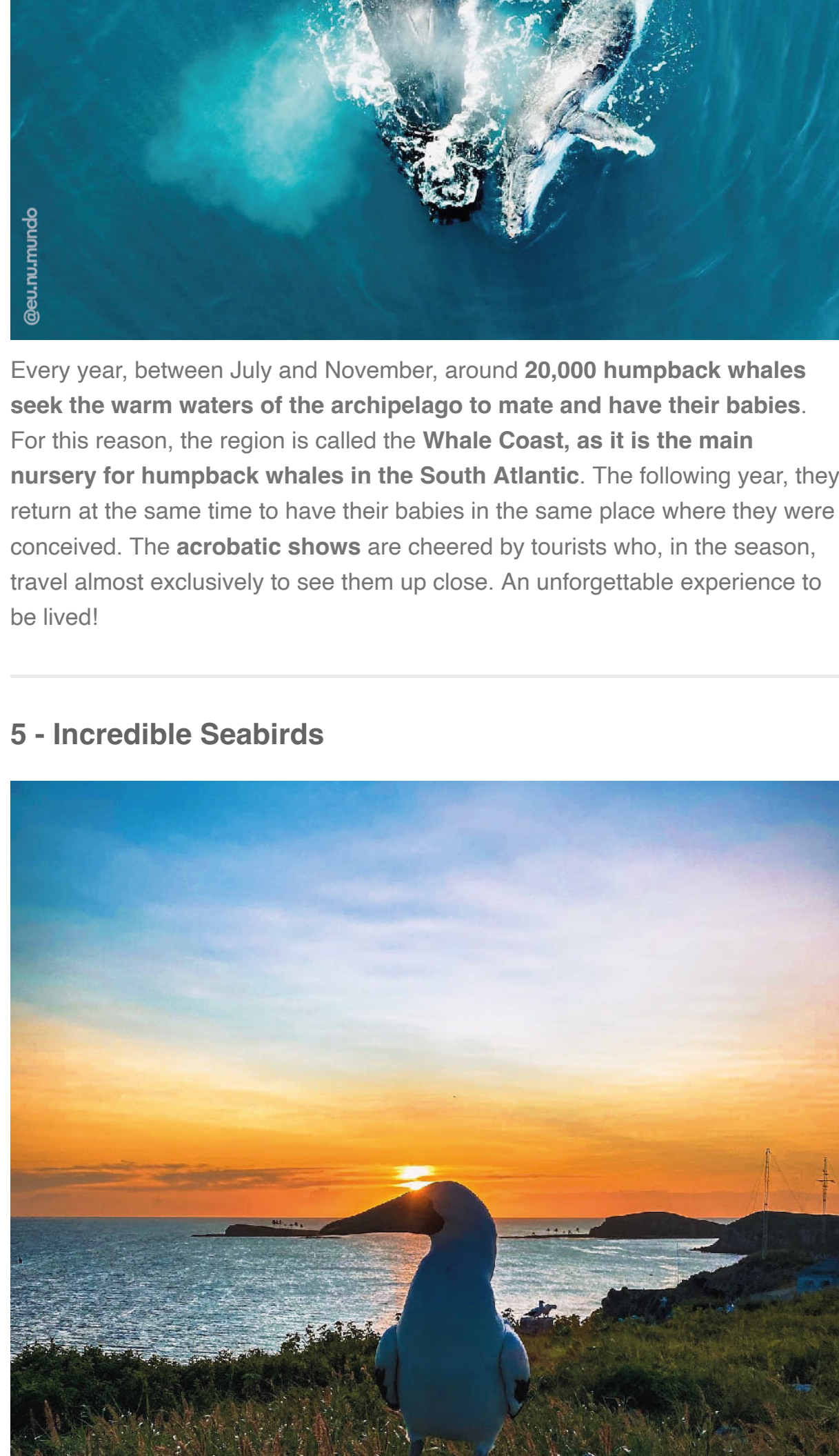
An archipelago of five islands of volcanic origin, Abrolhos represents a milestone for marine conservation in the country. In 1983, the Abrolhos National Marine Park was created. Since then, 87,943 hectares of this Conservation Unit have helped to protect the region with the greatest marine biodiversity in Brazil and the South Atlantic.

### 2 - Largest coral complex in the South Atlantic



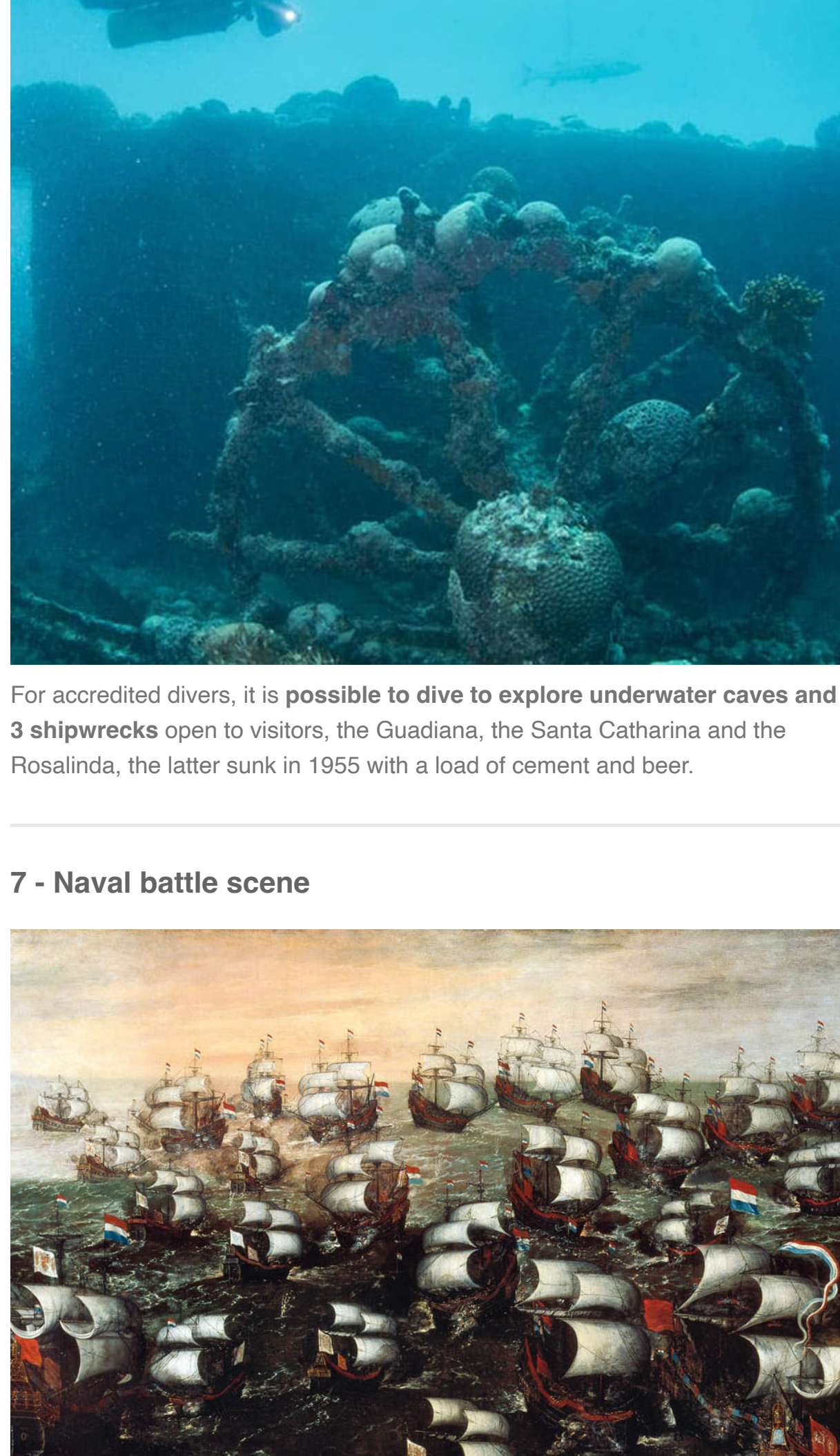
With 15 km of coral on its coast, Abrolhos was consecrated as one of the 12 most important marine parks in the world, a title given by its biodiversity, for having the largest coral bank in the South Atlantic. Formed by a complex of exclusive 'chapeirões' of this region, which measure up to 20 meters high and 50 meters in diameter at the top. Here are the largest concentrations of fish per square meter on the planet, in quantity and variety, and unique corals (such as the brain coral *Mussismilia braziliensis*), as well as turtles, dolphins, seahorses and many other marine species at any time of year.

### 3 - Paradise for diving fans



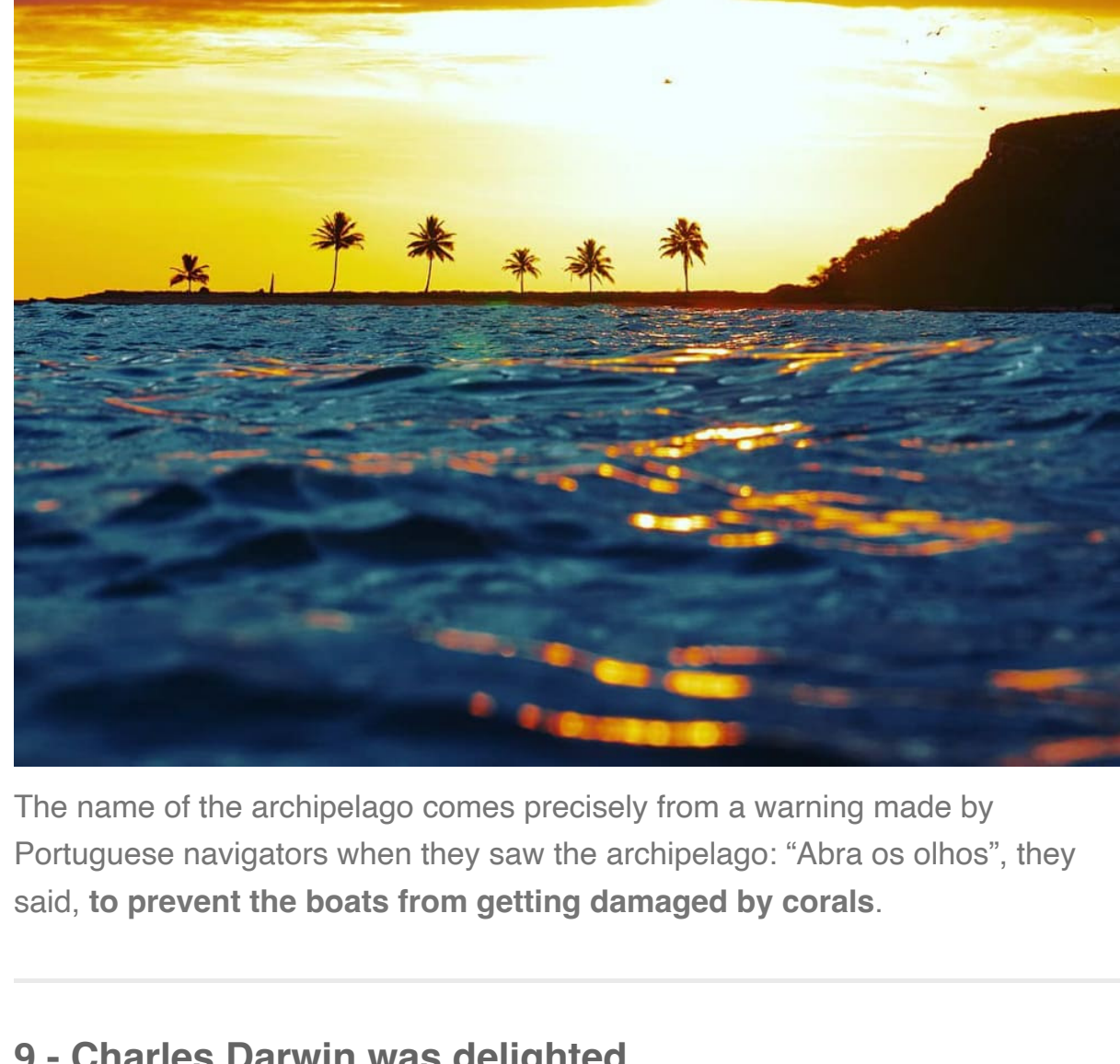
Currently, the archipelago has between 13 and 17 diving points authorized for the practice of scuba diving. Abrolhos is the perfect destination not only for certified divers, but also for snorkeling enthusiasts. You can see incredible marine life up close, without having to go too deep! In summer, the visibility of the water for diving is better, reaching up to 30 meters deep.

### 4 - Humpback Whale Nursery



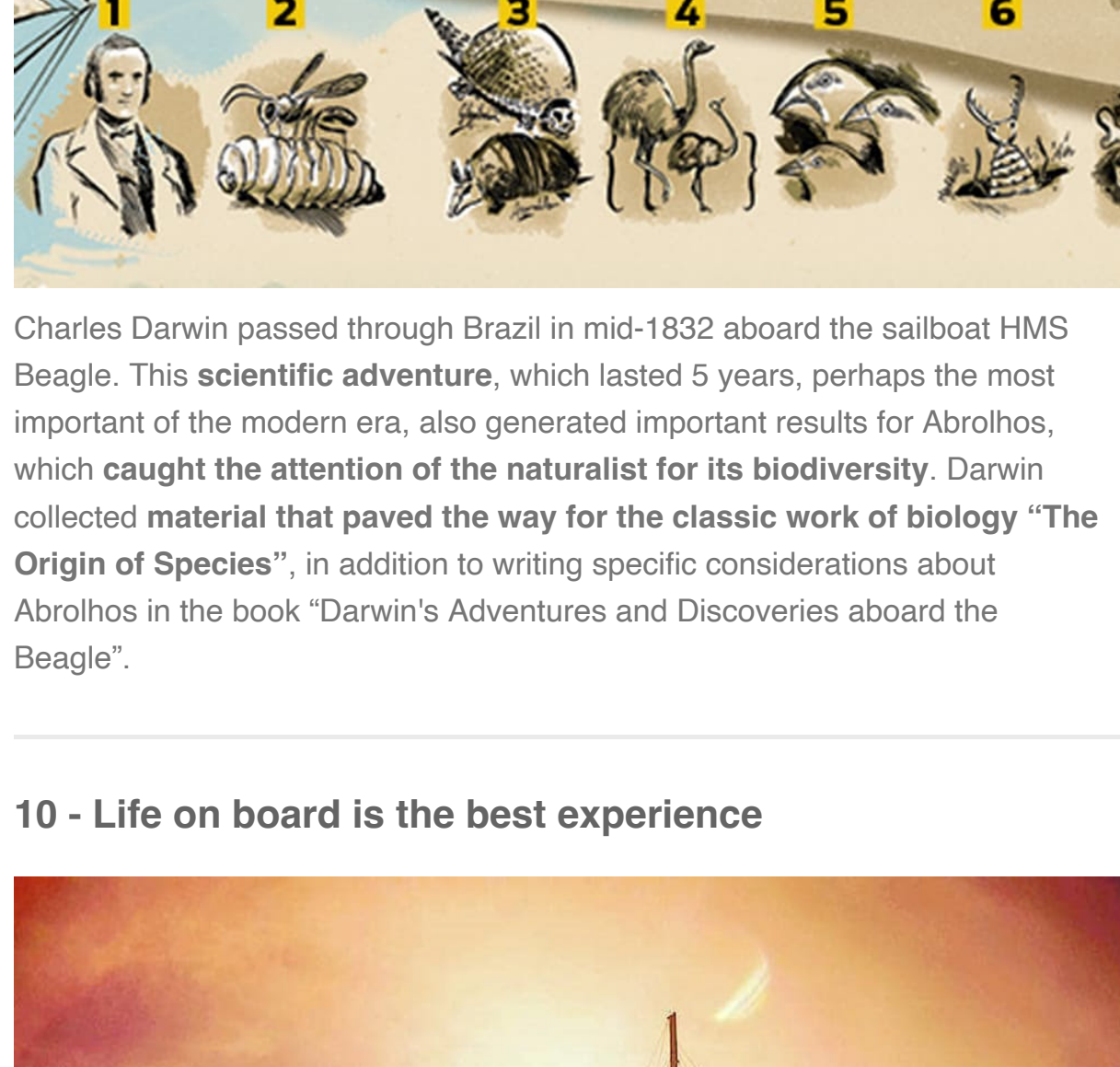
Every year, between July and November, around 20,000 humpback whales seek the warm waters of the archipelago to mate and have their babies. For this reason, the region is called the Whale Coast, as it is the main nursery for humpback whales in the South Atlantic. The following year, they return at the same time to have their babies in the same place where they were conceived. The acrobatic shows are cheered by tourists who, in the season, travel almost exclusively to see them up close. An unforgettable experience to be lived!

### 5 - Incredible Seabirds



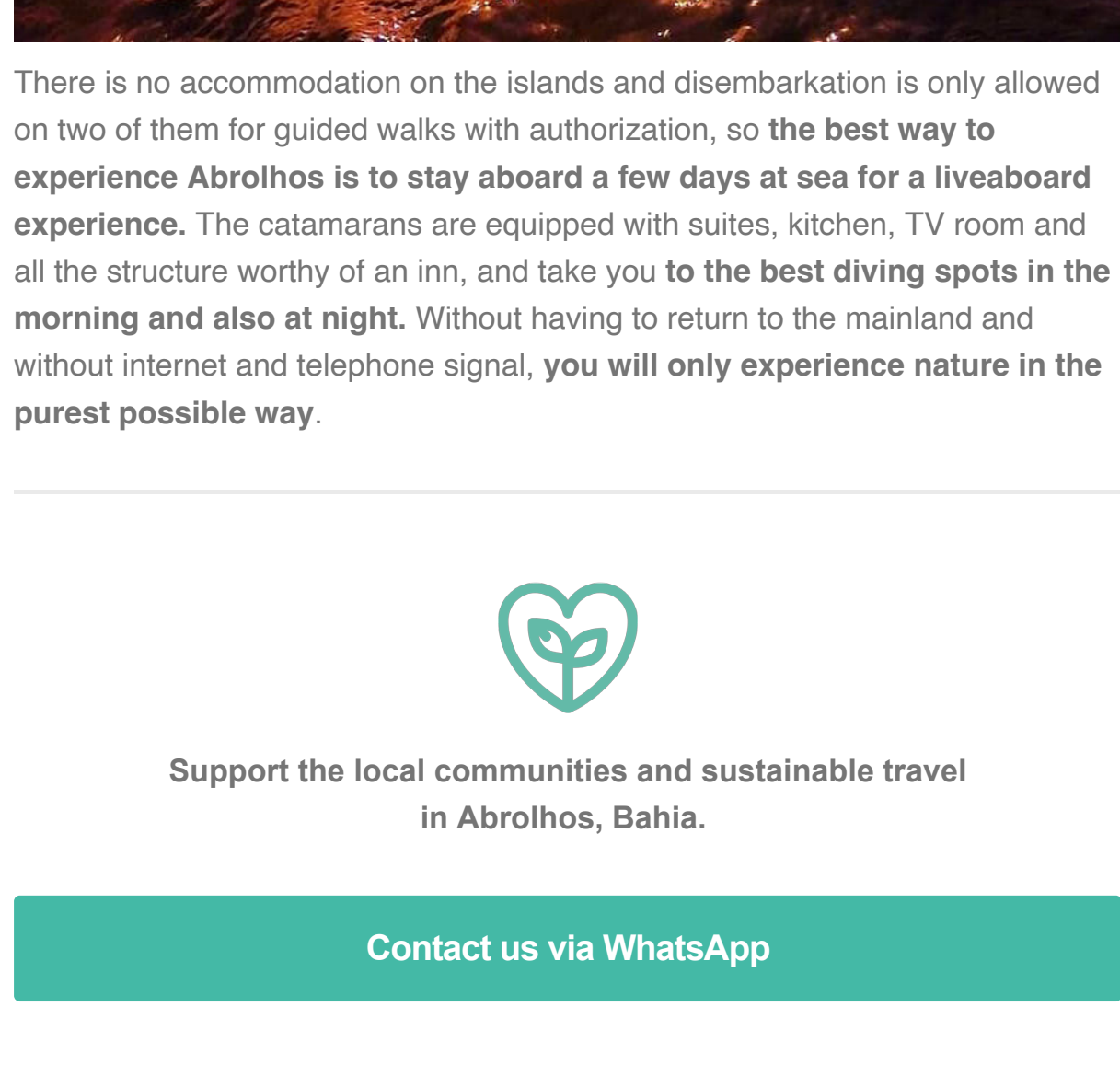
The islands of the Abrolhos archipelago are habitat for rare species of seabirds. The best known are the red-billed gannet, white and brown boobies, frigatebirds and benedicts. It is possible to observe the life of these birds during the tour on the trails of the islands of Santa Bárbara and Siriba, the only ones allowed for visitation.

### 6 - Sunken ships



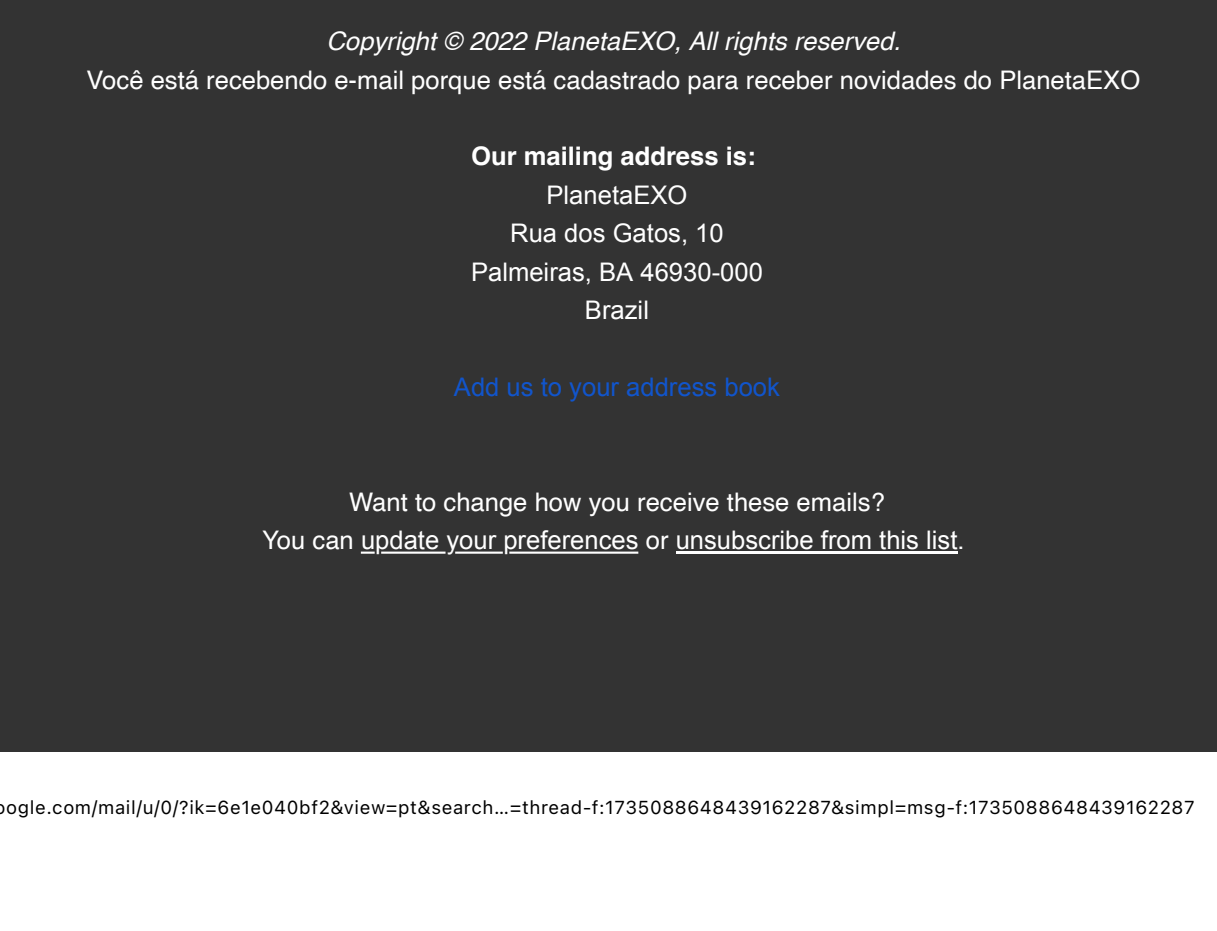
For accredited divers, it is possible to dive to explore underwater caves and 3 shipwrecks open to visitors, the Guadiana, the Santa Catharina and the Rosalinda, the latter sunk in 1955 with a load of cement and beer.

### 7 - Naval battle scene



Before becoming a protected area, Abrolhos was the scene of many expeditions and naval battles that were marked in history. One of them was the battle of September 12, 1631, known as the Naval Battle of Abrolhos, fought between two squadrons – one Dutch and the other Portuguese-Spanish.

### 8 - "Abra os olhos" (Open your eyes)



The name of the archipelago comes precisely from a warning made by Portuguese navigators when they saw the archipelago: "Abra os olhos", they said, to prevent the boats from getting damaged by corals.

### 9 - Charles Darwin was delighted



Charles Darwin passed through Brazil in mid-1832 aboard the sailboat HMS Beagle. This scientific adventure, which lasted 5 years, perhaps the most important of the modern era, also generated important results for Abrolhos, which caught the attention of the naturalist for its biodiversity. Darwin collected material that paved the way for the classic work of biology "The Origin of Species", in addition to writing specific considerations about Abrolhos in the book "Darwin's Adventures and Discoveries aboard the Beagle".

### 10 - Life on board is the best experience



There is no accommodation on the islands and disembarkation is only allowed on two of them for guided walks with authorization, so the best way to experience Abrolhos is to stay aboard a few days at sea for a liveboard experience. The catamarans are equipped with suites, kitchen, TV monitor and all the structure worthy of an inn, and take you to the best diving spots in the morning and also at night. Without having to return to the mainland and without internet and telephone signal, you will only experience nature in the purest possible way.



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