



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **THE CAMPAIGN “SAVE THE TUA” STARTS ON THE DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

**PUBLIC FIGURES, LAWYERS AND ENVIRONMENTALISTS  
MEET ON THE FUNDAÇÃO LUSO-AMERICANA  
TO STOP THE DAM**

**On December 12<sup>th</sup>, the PLATAFORMA SALVAR O TUA launches the campaign SAVE THE TUA, together with notorious public figures, lawyers and environmentalists.**

This initiative will take place on the Fundação Luso-Americana, from 10.00 am to 01.00 pm, in which it is expected the participation of academics and public figures from the scientific community.

On this occasion, it will be presented a plan of activities of the campaign to mobilise public opinion regarding the ecological, social and financial costs of the Foz Tua dam construction by EDP.

The PLATAFORMA SALVAR O TUA has taken an injunction and a legal action for the immediate suspension of the construction works of the Foz Tua dam.

A lawyers movement named “Lawyers for the Tua” has provided the Plataforma representation. Among its members are, in particular, the former President of the Portuguese Bar Association Augusto Lopes Cardoso, the lawyers Agostinho Pereira de Miranda and Manuel Magalhães e Silva and the professors Lebre de Freitas, Elizabeth Fernandez and Almeida Ribeiro.

The purpose of the campaign “Save the Tua” is to raise public awareness about the environmental, social and economic costs of the dam, bringing into evidence the lack of reasonable explanation for the destruction of the Tua Valley, part of the Portuguese heritage and identity.

The PLATAFORMA SALVAR O TUA is an association for the protection of the environment founded by nine environmental associations and a wine company. The body members are:

- AAVT – ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS AMIGOS DO VALE DO TUA
- ALDEIA – ACCÇÃO, LIBERDADE, DESENVOLVIMENTO, EDUCAÇÃO, INVESTIGAÇÃO, AMBIENTE



Plataforma  
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- GEOTA – GRUPO DE ESTUDOS DE ORDENAMENTO DO TERRITÓRIO E AMBIENTE
  - LPN – LIGA PARA A PROTEÇÃO DA NATUREZA
  - SPEA – SOCIEDADE PORTUGUESA PARA O ESTUDO DAS AVES
  - QUERCUS – ASSOCIAÇÃO NACIONAL DE CONSERVAÇÃO DA NATUREZA
  - COAGRET – COORDENADORA DE AFECTADOS PELAS GRANDES BARRAGENS E TRANSVAZES
  - FAPAS – FUNDO PARA A PROTEÇÃO DOS ANIMAIS SELVAGENS
  - GAIA – GRUPO DE ACÇÃO E INTERVENÇÃO AMBIENTAL
  - QUINTA DOS MURÇAS
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