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A non-profit-making organisation committed to running wildlife conservation research projects has just won a 'Best In Sustainable Travel' award.

Biosphere Expeditions won the award as part of Islands Magazine's "2009 Islands Blue List", which highlighted the best trips available in sustainable tourism.

The company offers hands-on conservation work to volunteers and was awarded for its work on the Azores expedition in the Atlantic Ocean, the first long-term study on baleen whales that gives volunteers the chance to work alongside scientists studying whales, dolphins and turtles.

"We are delighted to have received this award, as sustainable travel and wildlife conservation are exactly what we are all about," founder Dr Matthias Hammer says.

"At least two-thirds of every volunteer holiday contribution goes directly into the conservation project locally, funding it long-term and sustainably."