PhD project: **Biodiversity of benthic ecosystems in the continental shelf and slope of Mauritania**

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**Summary:** The proposed thesis will be carried out essentially in two stages, the first of which will consist of a thorough taxonomic study of the main invertebrates group in Mauritanian waters in deep range from 20 to 750 m. The second one, will focus on the analysis of the factors responsible for the distribution, structuring and diversity of the different benthic communities present in Mauritanian waters.