

#33. NATURAL HOT SPRINGS “DONA BEIJA”

Location:

Sao Miguel’s Island, Portugal

Year: 2010

Theme(s):

Partnership/ Stakeholder involvement

Languages: Portuguese/ English/ French/
German/ Spanish

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WHY IS THIS A GOOD EXAMPLE?

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DESCRIPTION

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