PROJECTS

Pepper Wreck

Portugal

1998 - 2015

The Pepper Wreck - presumed to be the Portuguese Indiaman Nossa Senhora dos Mártires, lost in 1606 - was found on the Tagus River mouth, Lisbon, Portugal, in 1993, during an archaeological survey promoted by the Museu Nacional de Arqueologia, directed by Francisco Alves. From 1996 to 1998 it was excavated by the Instituto Português de Arqueologia / Centro Nacional de Arqueologia Náutica e Subaquática, as part of the program of the Portuguese pavilion at the 1998 world exhibition EXPO’98. In 1999 and 2000 the remains of its hull were excavated by the Centro Nacional de Arqueologia Náutica e Subaquática, with the support of the Institute of Nautical Archaeology / Texas A&M University. The study of its hull remains - which include a portion of the keel, eleven frames, and some of the planking - in cooperation with the Centre for Marine Technology and Engineering from Instituto Superior Técnico, yielded interesting results and a first glance at the largely unknown Portuguese naus da India.

Books


Also edited in Spanish and English.


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Reviews of Books

Lenihan, Dan, "Nautical Soundings" review of George Bass' Beneath the Seven Seas, in Archaeology Magazine (2006) 59.3.


Remains of the hull exposed in 1996 (Francisco Alves).

**Special Lectures**


**Keynote Addresses and Invited Talks**


Raising diagnostic timbers in 1999 (Guilherme Garcia).


Excavating a trench underneath a portion of the hull remains removed (Guilherme Garcia).


**Papers**


Same chapter in a Spanish edition of this book.


Same chapter in the Spanish and Portuguese editions of this book.

Communications at International Meetings

Castro, F., Nossa Senhora dos Mártires, an early 17th-Century Indiaman lost at the mouth of the Tagus River, Portugal, First Centre for Portuguese Nautical Studies Maritime Archaeology Conference. Paper read by Mr. Tiago Fraga. Eastern Cape, South Africa, 7 to 9 August 2004.


Reports


2007.


Graduate Work


Newsletter Articles and Popular Publications


Same text in English (pp. 97-98).

In the Media

This project was extensively covered in the media because it was the theme of the Portuguese Pavillion in the World Exhibition EXPO’98, held in Lisbon in 1998 and 1999, as well as the first project carried out by the then newly created Centro Nacional de Arqueologia Náutica e Subaquática, the state agency for nautical archaeology created in 1997.


Amaral, R., "Mártires do Tejo." O Independente, 1 August 1997, p. 49.

Popular Books and Booklets


Preparing to dive in the winter of 1996 (Augusto Salgado)