

Trading the Sea for the River

Between the late 19th century and the mid-20th century, hundreds of fishermen from Praia da Vieira traded the sea — where danger no longer justified the little fish caught in their nets — for the Tagus River, where they found a means of survival in the shad fishing campaigns and solitary fishing. They led one of the largest migratory movements of the past century in Portugal and created a unique riverside culture. They became known as the “Avieiros.”

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