

NETWORKING MEETING OF THE FORSEADISCOVERY PROJECT

Outcomes and future perspectives in forestry,
shipbuilding and timber supply in Portugal (1580-
1640)



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INTRODUCING THE RESEARCH

MY 'PERSONAL' RESEARCH

- Based on Lisbon
- Research title: “Forestry, shipbuilding and timber supply in Portugal (1580-1640)”
- It is mainly grounded in History, but I do take into account as well other disciplines

TODAY'S TALK

- What have I done?
- What am I currently working on?
- Forthcoming work

WHAT HAVE I DONE?

KEY-QUESTIONS

1. Were Portuguese forests able to guarantee timber supply for shipbuilding?
2. Was there a deforestation process in Spain/Portugal?
3. Where did the timber come from?.
4. What resources did Kings mobilize in order to its supply?

ANSWERS:

1. No.
2. Further in Portugal than Castile
3. From Portugal, Spain and abroad
4. Money, raw materials, knowledge, men.

HOW CAN WE KNOW IT?

Through a multidisciplinary approach

NEW ENQUIRIES AND QUESTIONS?

1. How were handled the forested areas which belonged to the Kings in Portugal from 1580-1640?
2. What was taking place in Castile in the meantime?
3. What are the differences and the similarities between the Spanish and Portuguese forestry managements?

WHAT HAVE I DONE?

ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES WHERE I'VE BEEN

- National Archive of Torre de Tombo, which is the Portuguese National Archive (Lisbon, Portugal)
- Overseas Historical Archive (Lisbon, Portugal)
- Archive of the Public Ministry Works (Lisbon, Portugal)
- Ajuda Library (Lisbon, Portugal)
- Portuguese National Library (Lisbon, Portugal)
- General Archive of Simancas (Simancas, Spain)
- Spanish Historical National Archive (Madrid, Spain)
- Spanish National Library (Madrid, Spain)
- Archive of Naval Museum (Madrid, Spain)
- British Library (London, United Kingdom)

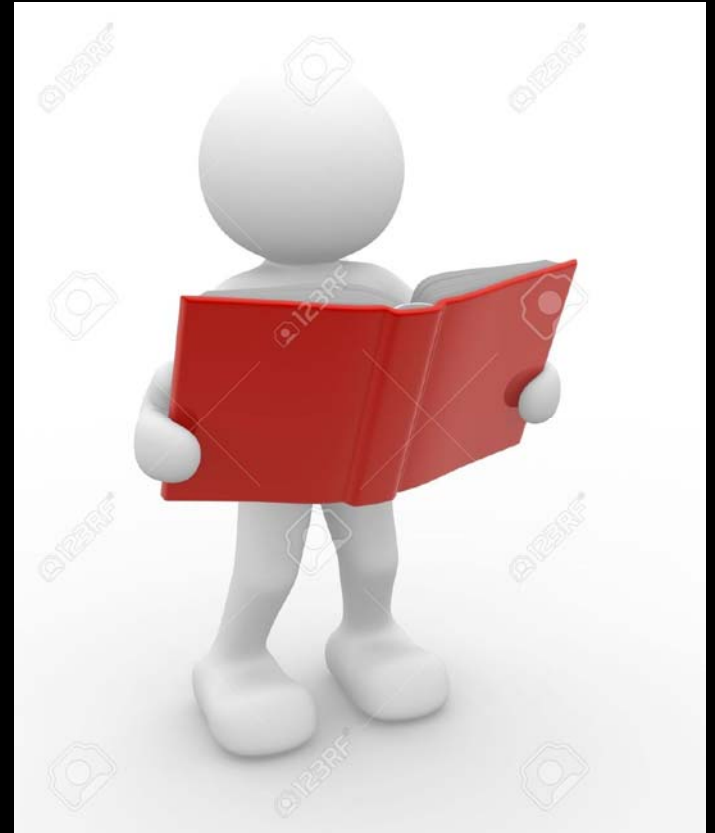
WHAT HAVE I DONE?

WHAT ELSE?

Attendance to 17
conferences and training
courses of:

- Environmental history
- Maritime History
- Political History
- Nautical Archaeology
- GIS
- Wood Sciences
- Shipbuilding

Articles and books chapters



An Historian reading
books alone: we
perform as monks!

WHAT AM I CURRENTLY WORKING ON?

- Portuguese Monarchy ocean going vessels: nau *Nossa Senhora da Conceição* and *São Roque*
- The “Record-book” or “logbook” of the clerk
- Stored in Simancas, Valladolid (Spain)



The anteroom to the researchers room, in Simancas

WHAT AM I CURRENTLY WORKING ON?

1. To transcript them into the current Portuguese
2. To process the data and to include it into ArcGIs
3. To gather more data to write an introductory essay



How? By combining different knowledge and methodologies

SOME FEATURES OF THE DATA (1)

- Listing people on board, in Lisbon. March 24th 1602:

354 “men of war”	<p>There were included 4 women, Jesuits priests, servants of the captain, an ambassador with 7 servants.</p> <p>An example: João da Rocha Peixoto, born in Baia de Todos os Santos (Brazil)</p>
121 seamen	<p>14 officials, 42 sailors, 45 cabin boys, 4 pageboys, 16 bombers</p> <p>Features: they were mostly dwellers of Lisbon.</p> <p>Great disparity between them regarding death rates during the journey, social status or civil status</p>
Others	<p>They are not clearly registered such as the purveyor of the ship or the purveyor of the pepper</p>

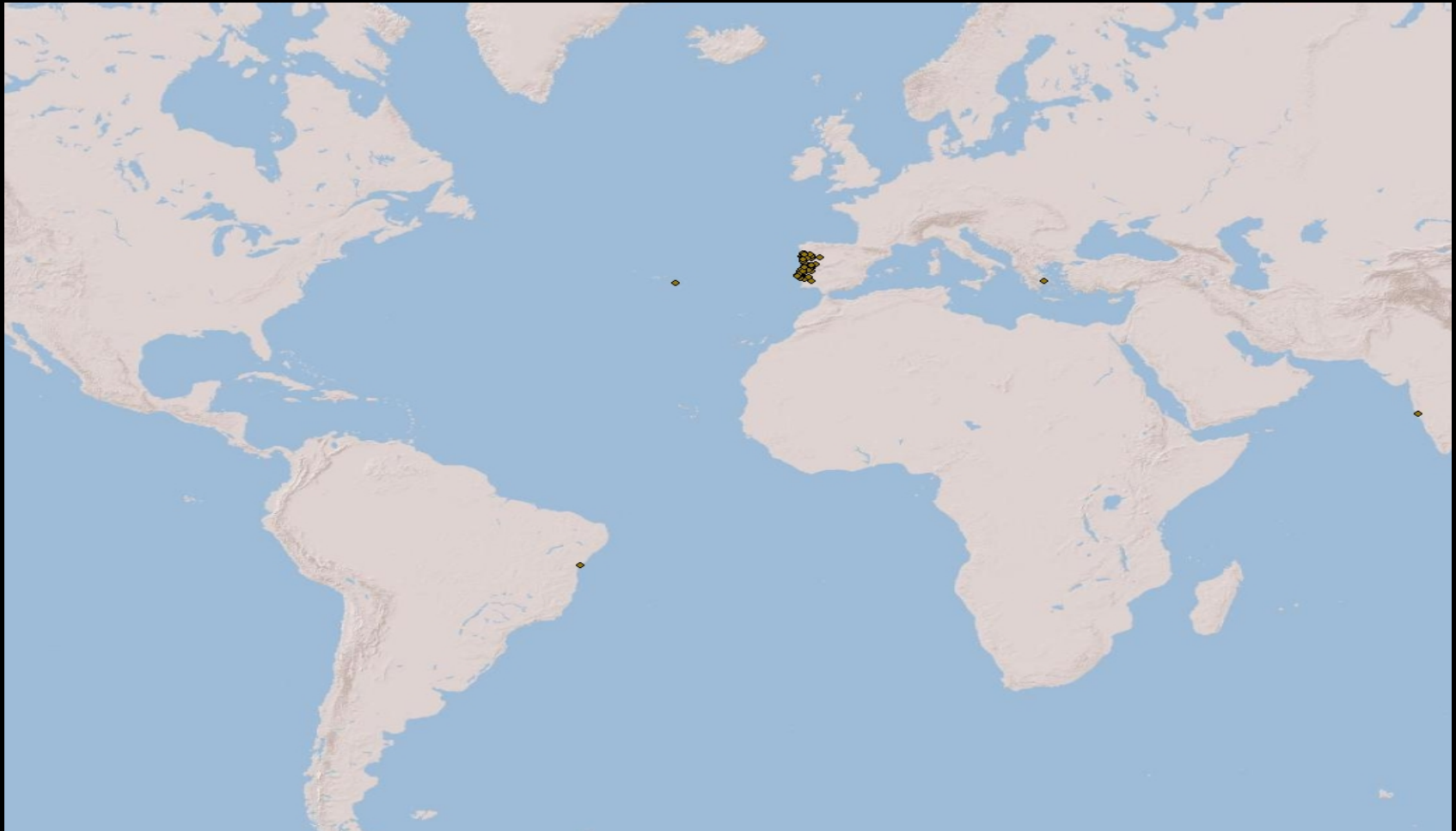
SOME FEATURES OF THE DATA (2)

- The data processed

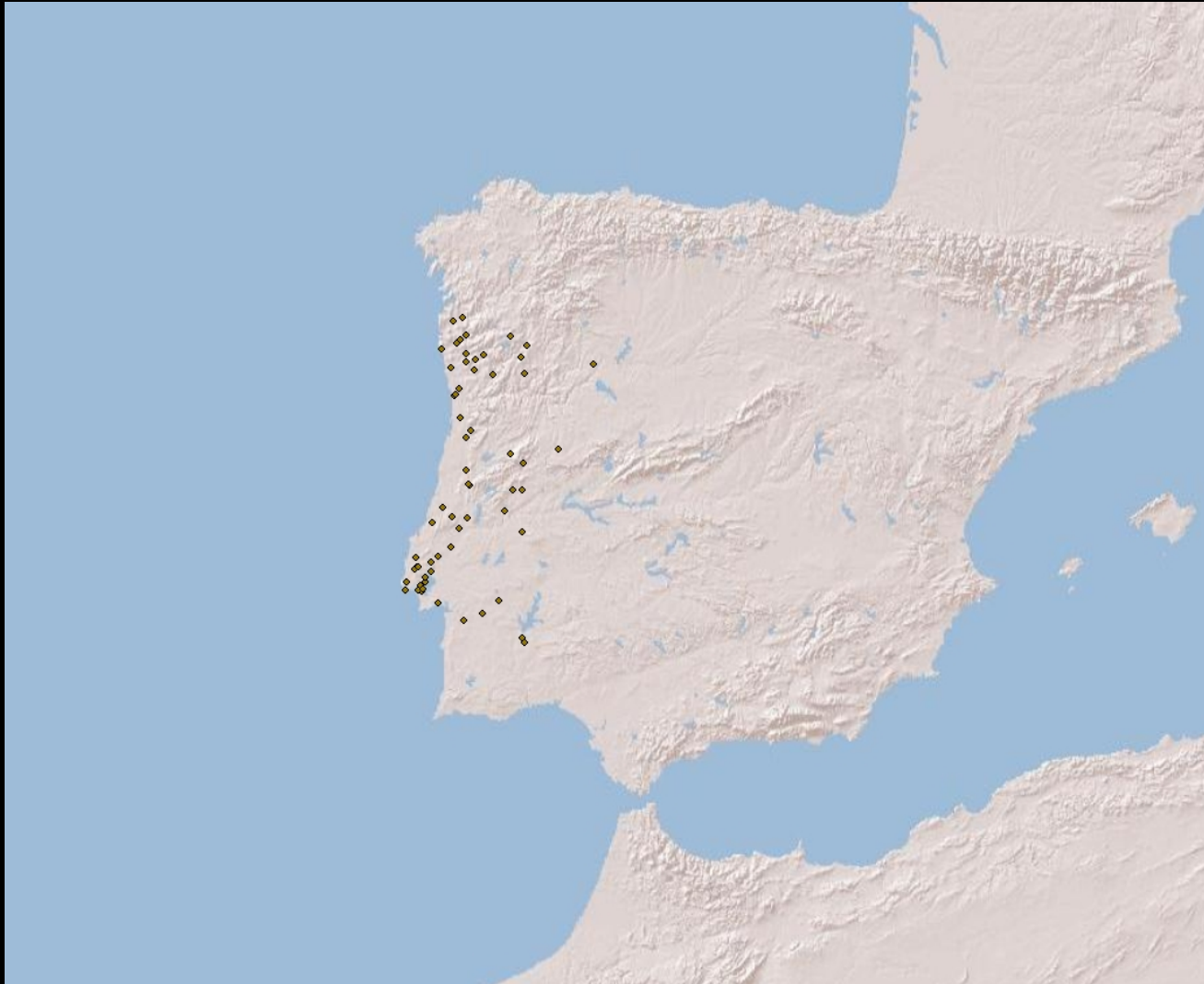
	Person	Position upheld	Social status	Born place	Location X	Location Y	Ancestors	Marital status	Other remark	Reference
19	Francisco Coelho da Silva		Moço fidalgo							AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 14r
20	Gonzalo Rodrigues de Magalhães		Moço fidalgo							AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 14r
21	Sebastião Gomes de Abreu									AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 14r
22	João de Sousa		Moço fidalgo	Lisbon	38,70761	-9,13652	Son of António de Sousa			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 14r
23	Luis de Carvalo		Moço fidalgo promoted				Son of Luis Seores de Carvalho			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 14v
24	Francisco Coutinho		Moço da camara				Son of Bernardim de Carvalho			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 14v
25	Diogo da Silva		Fidalgo cavaleiro	Coutos de Alcobaca	39,55223	-8,97749	Son of Enrique de Silva			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 14v
26	Jerónimo Timudo		Cavaleiro fidalgo							AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 14v
27	Francisco de Guoveia		Cavaleiro fidalgo							AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 14v
28	Mateus Pereira			Serra de Estrela	40,41510	-7,70859	Son of António Pereira			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 15r
29	Bento Carvalho Botafogo		Cavaleiro fidalgo	Lisbon	38,70761	-9,13652	Son of pero Carvalho			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 15r
30	António Teixeira Bulham		Cavaleiro fidalgo	Sacavém	38,79442	-9,10533	Son of Manoel Martins Bulham			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 15r
31	Gaspar Pacheco da Silva		Cavaleiro fidalgo	Sintra	38,79907	-9,39688	Son of Rui Antunes			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 15r
32	António de Carvalho		Moço da câmara				Son of Bernardim de Carvalho			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 15r
33	João da Rocha Peixoto		Moço da câmara	Baia de Todos os Sant	-12,97289	-38,51031	Son of Aires da Rocha Peixoto			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 15v
34	Fernão Carvalho		Moço da câmara	Peralbo			Son of Pero Gomes			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 15v
35	Jerónimo Carvalho		Escudeiro cavaleiro	Porto Carreiro	41,21616	-8,55000	Son of Baltasar Gonzalez			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 15v
36	Roque Martins Leite		Cavaleiro fidalgo	São Paio de Carvalhei	41,74608	-17,65551	Son of Martin Martins			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 15v
37	Francisco Vaz Darviva		Moço de camara	Cascais	38,69680	-9,42040				AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 15v
38	André Mendes		Moço da câmara	Cascais	38,69680	-9,42040	Son of Álvaro Domingues			AGS, SSP, lib. 1.560, f. 16r

SOME FEATURES OF THE DATA (3)

- Importing into GIS!



SOME FEATURES OF THE DATA (3)



- Birth place of “men of war” of the ocean going nau São Roque

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Santos

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or the

WHAT ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING RESEARCH?

- To carry on collecting data:
 - General Archive of Simancas (Simancas, Spain)
 - Overseas Historical Archive (Lisbon, Portugal)
 - Archive of the Public Ministry Works (Lisbon, Portugal)
 - Spanish National Library (Madrid, Spain)
 - Spanish Historical Archive (Madrid, Spain)
- Joint and individual papers

WHAT ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING RESEARCH?

- Who were in charge of the forested areas belonged to the Kings in Portugal?
- New joint and individual papers:
 - History and nautical archaeology related to Portugal
- To carry on working with ArcGIS
- ¿To organize a conferences in Lisbon? January 2017



Thank you so much!



The Indian Portuguese ship, known as nau.
Design displayed by João Baptista Lavanha