



L4 CRAFT

LOCAL FOR CRAFT
ALDEIAS DO XISTO

THE SOUL OF A PLACE

On a specific place, the knowledge that we are able to mobilize to act cumulatively on the available resources results in a map of meanings and feelings that give the place a concrete personality, an everyday identity. With this project, **L4Craft**, the Aldeias do Xisto mean to summon that very same identity of the places, adding the reflective thinking and the design project methodology to the local know-how and authorship, in order to create objects which are able to explore feelings of universal interpretation and, through them, bring the beholder to a tangible place one can really experience. Each one of these objects evokes knowledge and resources which are unique to singular places, daring everyone to become a part of them and to belong.

Rui Simão



BENFEITA

CERDEIRA

JANEIRO
DE CIMA

FOZ DO COBRÃO

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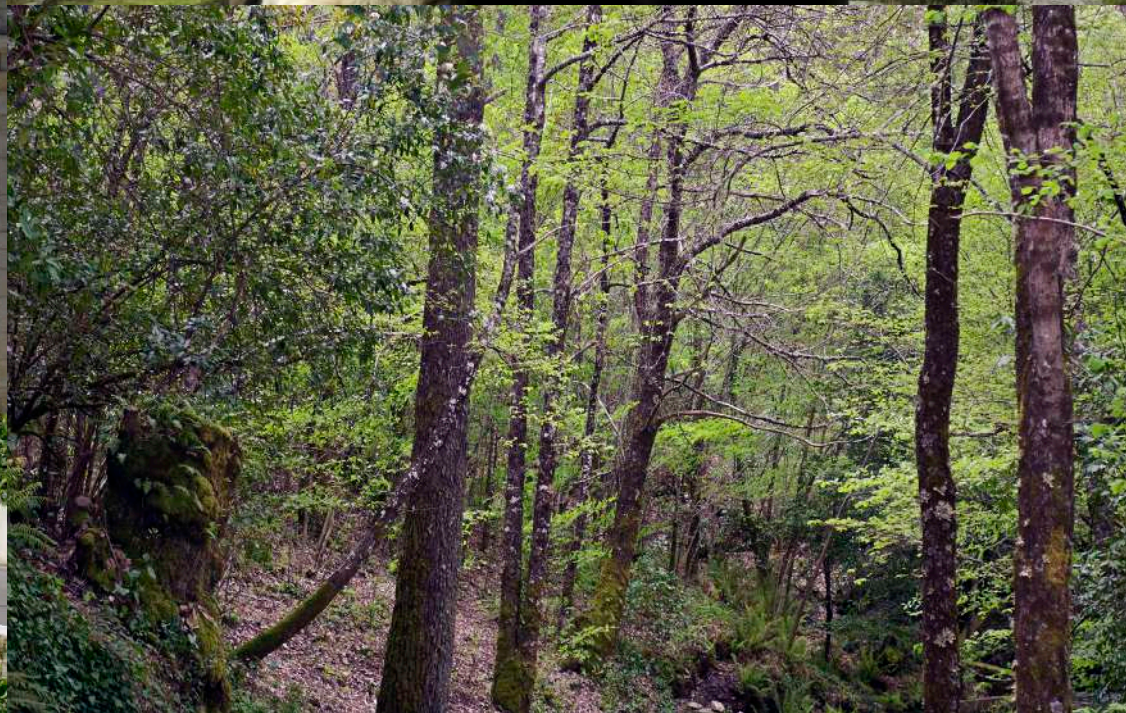












A close-up photograph of a schist rock face, showing distinct wavy, layered textures in shades of brown, tan, and grey. The rock surface is rugged with visible mineral grain and some small, light-colored mineral inclusions. The word "SCHIST" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, centered horizontally and slightly above the vertical midpoint. A thin white horizontal line is positioned directly beneath the text.

SCHIST





ALPACA





A photograph of three people sitting on a wooden bench, viewed from behind. They are looking out over a dense forest. The person on the left is an older woman with grey hair, wearing a dark purple long-sleeved shirt and a black skirt. The person in the middle is a younger woman with dreadlocks, wearing an orange t-shirt and a brown skirt. The person on the right is a man with grey hair, wearing a light beige jacket and blue jeans. A brown leather bag is on the ground to the left, and a golden retriever is lying down in the foreground on the right.

MÓNICA

STEFFI

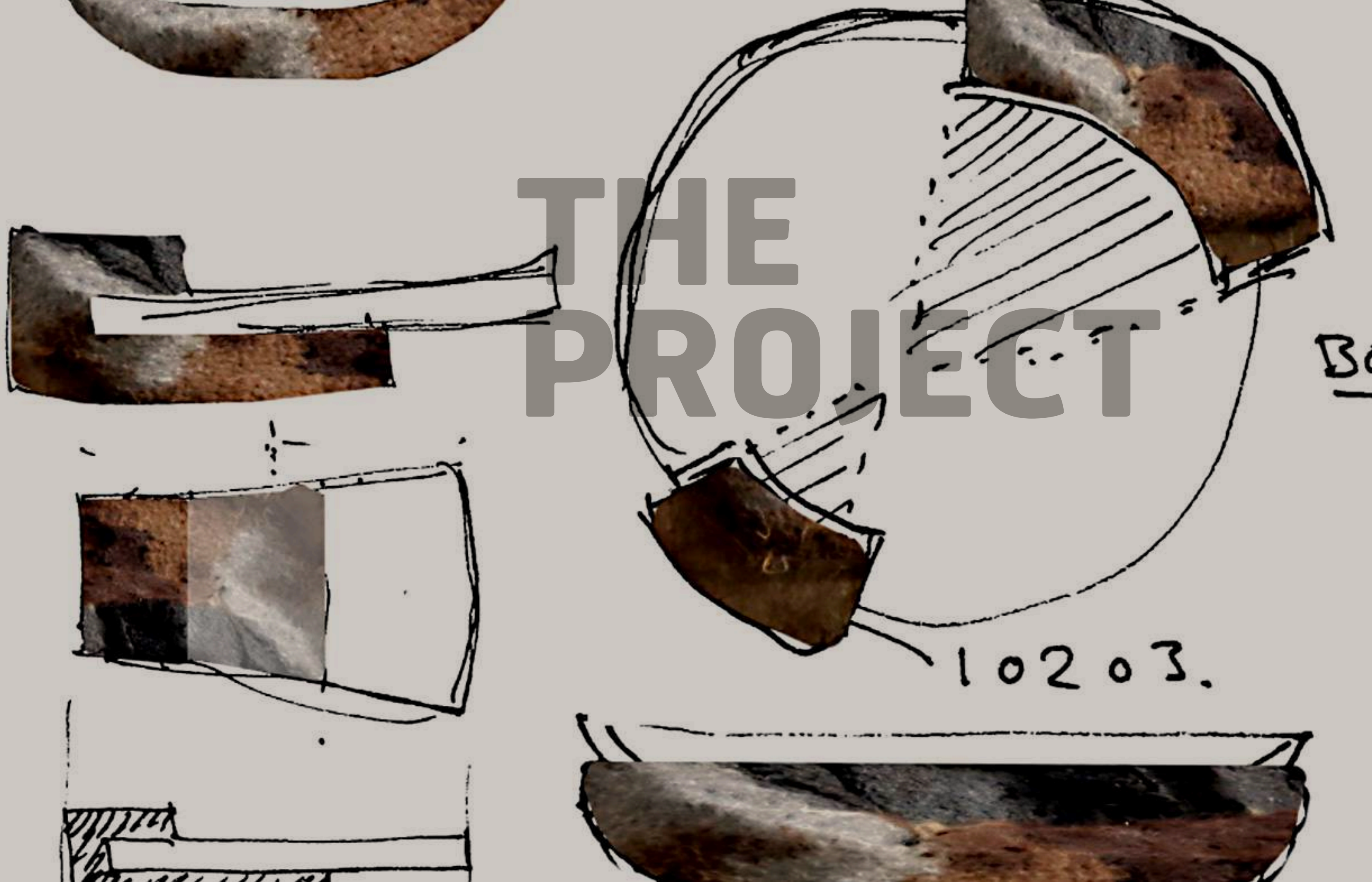
SÉRGIO







THE PROJECT



KNOWING IS NOT ENOUGH; WE MUST APPLY.
WILLING IS NOT ENOUGH; WE MUST DO .
GOETHE

L4Craft / Processes with soul

The field of work we are concerned with is that of our own culture, our existence, the ground we tread upon, and it is sensitive to the changes of the time to which we must adapt in order to survive.

The method proposed for this action lies in providing meaning to the signs of our everyday life through the materialisation of significant artefacts.

The purpose of **L4Craft** is to **perceive**, using the five senses, the essence of places and to **observe** the characteristics which suggest their character as a primary concern for the constructions of the future.

Defining which ancestral experiences leave their mark on a place and establishing a counterpoint to reality enabled us to build a case for the design of the **idealised** artefacts on the basis of a working method that combines materials and technologies, within an interaction process between creators residing in the places and their guests. The final result comprises **prototypes**, the first approaches to the process (as important as the finished product, or more so) that are presented to the public to initiate a dialogue, to be tested and to understand whether they are artefacts with a soul, capable of conveying the spirit of the place they come from.

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18th century German philosopher



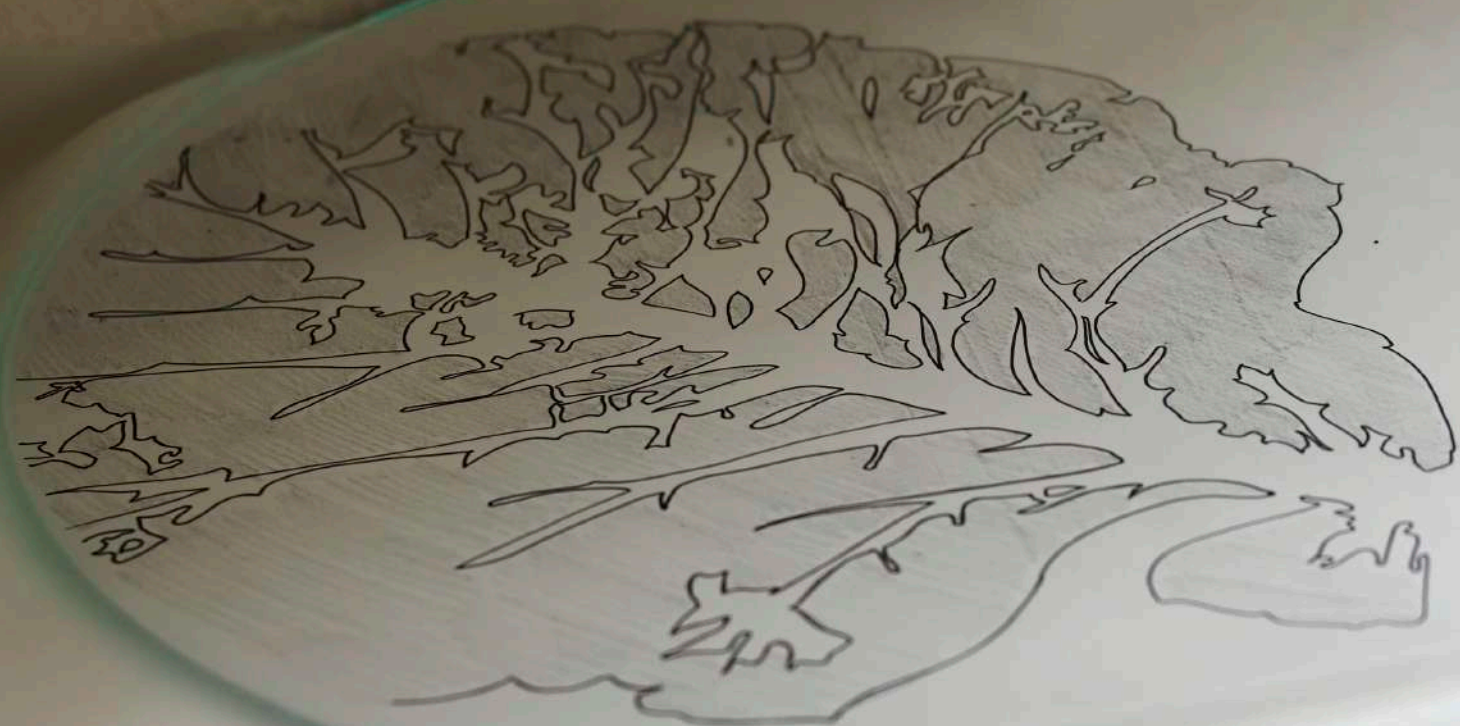












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