



NO WATER!

Real contradictions among
Rights, Survival, and Local Politics
through the eyes of ethnographers from the
Urban Boundaries Project

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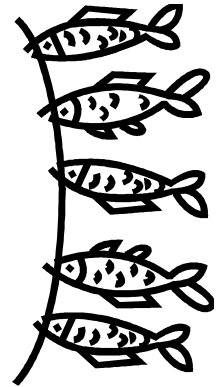
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Breakdown

1. What is the Urban Boundaries Project/Movement?



2. No Water: Fishing Community



3. No Water: *Bairro* Community

4. Urban Boundaries & local communities
empowerment

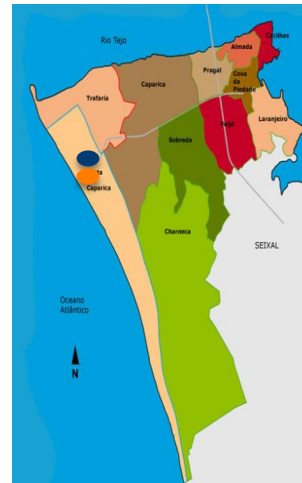
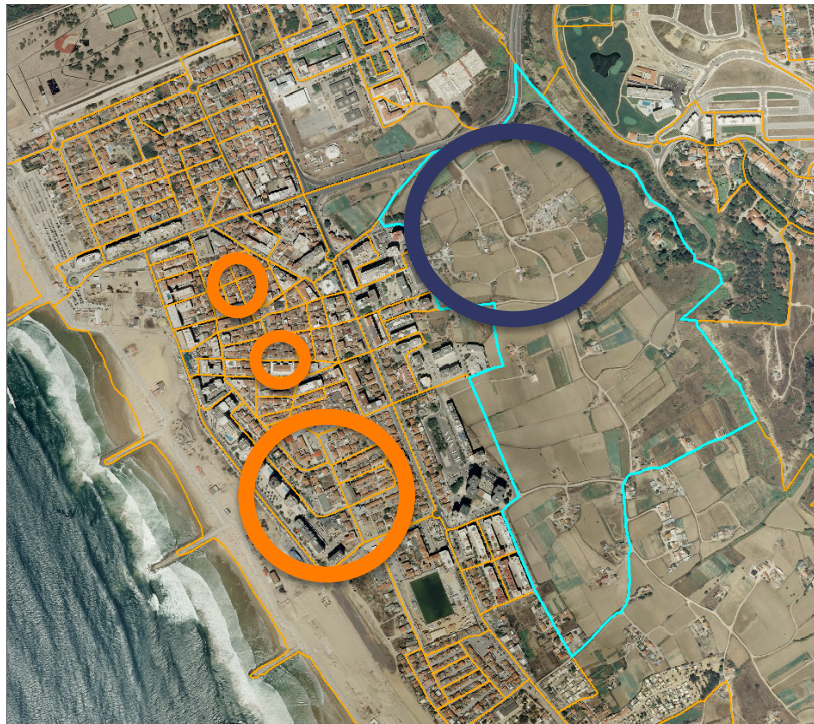
5. Discussion

1. What is the Urban Boundaries Project/Movement

Popular Movement
Critical Ethnography Research Project
Interdisciplinary Research Group focusing on Communitarian Education
3 communities: Academic, Fishing, and *Bairro*



Geographic Context

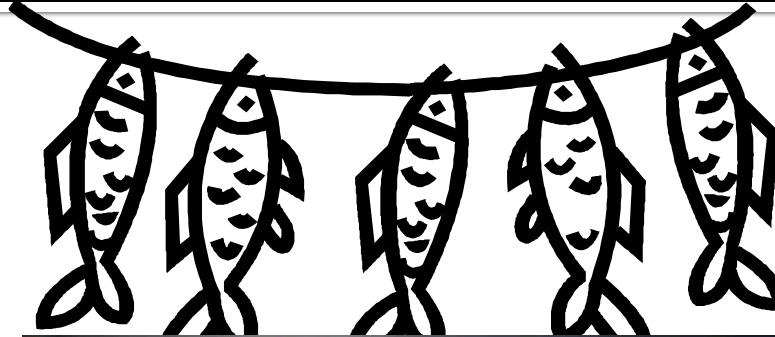


Bairro Community and Fishing Community



Portugal

2. No water: Fishing Community



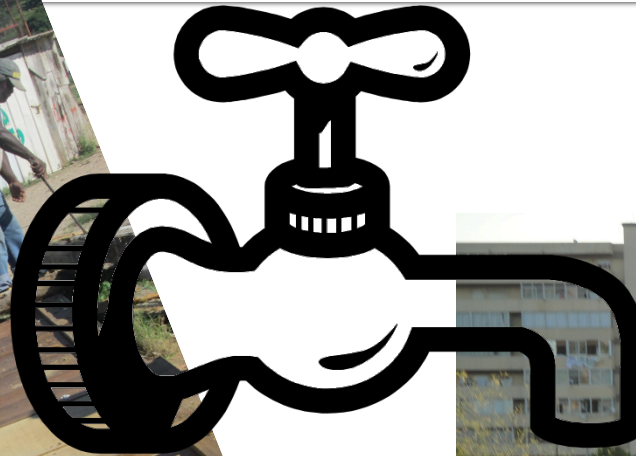
The Fishing Community can't go fishing...

- Urban front all year round;
- Limited timeframes for remaining coast;
- Recent European land planning programme placed first-sale market inside forbidden fishing zone (urban front)

Complete lack of public participation in Government decision-making and land planning



3. No Water: Bairro Community



The *Bairro* Community has no water

- No water/sewage infrastructure - until now nor foreseen.

- Partially illegal settlement inside National Ecological/Agricultural Network (REN,RAN)

- Almost 500 people living in *Bairro*; this is the 4th generation.



Complete lack of Government intervention to change the situation now or to have prevented it from the beginning.

4. Urban Boundaries & local communities empowerment

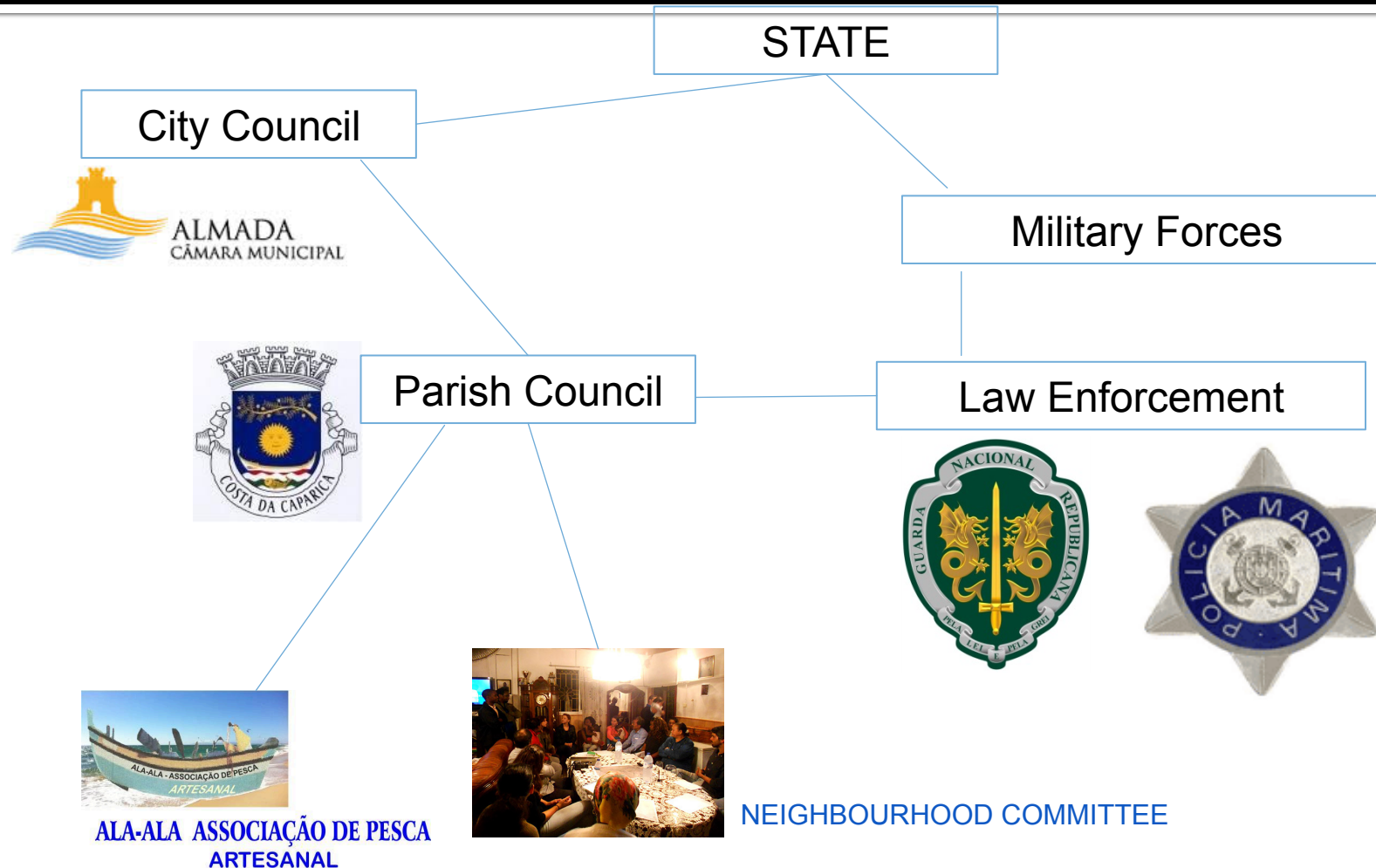


■ “Ala-Ala”
Fishing
Association

■ Neighborhood
Committee
Election



Local Politics X Human Rights



5. Discussion

UNESCO Water Rights, “(**access to water**) [...] as a pre-requisite for the realization of several other human rights, such as the rights to life, dignity, health, food, and an adequate standard of living and education.”

**WATER
NOW!**