

Ribatejo

Rio Maior

Vila da Marmeleira Assentiz Ribeira de São João São João da Ribeira



João Seguro

Samina Alecrim

Desejos Urbanos (Priscilla Ballarin)

“Through this programme, the edp foundation helps bring rural communities into closer contact with art, while also provoking reflection on its role in society. Furthermore, it has additional merit: to reconcile within a single programme the edp foundation’s two key fields of intervention: social innovation and culture. This is a project that mobilises artists and rural communities in an innovative dialogue that will result in an unexpected public art route and a source of pride for all parties involved.”

Miguel Coutinho
Managing director and CEO of edp foundation

Route

Let’s start at Vila da Marmeleira. We can leave the car in the town centre, at Praça da República, and begin our way on foot. First, we go to the bus stop located on Avenida José Pereira Caldas (1) to see the first of four interventions by the duo Desejos Urbanos (*Urban Desires*), the Brazilians Priscilla Ballarin and Eliza Freire, on the shelters that protect people as they wait for the transport that will take them to the city, Rio Maior. Next, we head to Rua Afonso Costa (2) and see the work by Alecrim, one of the population’s favourites, despite thinking that “it’s in a very hidden location”. At the picnic park near the washhouse, with a view that extends over the fields, (3) we can follow the gaze of an elderly woman, representing the people from this land, immortalised by cans of spray paint and collages by Samina. At Rua do Arneiro, (4) there is another bus stop customised by Desejos Urbanos, always accompanied with poems by Ruy Belo, a local poet; this one features the poem *O valor do vento* (*The value of wind*). To reach the joint work by Samina and Alecrim, (5) on Rua do Campo da Bola, some may not want to make the distance on

foot. They say this mural conveys a sense of peace, that it helps the locals reach a more tranquil state of mind to mourn their dead. We continue by car to Rua 1º de Dezembro, in Cabeça Gorda, (6) to see the mural by João Seguro, a stylisation of the political murals that were painted in the post-25 April revolutionary era and extended into the 1980s. Back to the main road, Estrada Nacional 114, (7) we pass yet another bus stop featuring an intervention by Desejos Urbanos, in Ribeira de São João. A photo taken of this work was used as a decorative element in *Tasquinhas 2017*, an annual food festival organised in Rio Maior. Still in Ribeira de São João, in Largo Luís Calado Vicente, (8) there is another of the four works by Samina, each one dedicated to an element from nature – this one, a jug, is dedicated to water. Still on Estrada Nacional 114, but now in São João da Ribeira, (9) the bus stop by the duo Desejos Urbanos is entirely painted blue, a tribute to the fact that Ruy Belo loved the sea and loved to swim in the ocean. In the former São João da Ribeira primary school, which today is the headquarters of the Grupo de Danças e Cantares, the town’s folk group, (10) there is another work by Samina on the wall, this time associated with the element earth. It is called “Pachamama”, the name of the supreme

goddess of the Andes. Finally, nearby, on the land of the Centro Social Paroquial de S. João Batista (*community centre*), (11) there is an outdoor library installation by João Seguro, the “*Bibliotheca Acephalica*” (*Acephalic Library*), a dystopian library that is subjected to the moods of weather and human action.

Vila da Marmeleira

1



CÉU ESTRELADO
Starry Sky
Priscilla Ballarin,
Desejos Urbanos

Lat: 39.263294 Long: -8.834406
Av. José Pereira Caldas,
Vila da Marmeleira,
Marmeleira & Assentiz Joint
Townships

2



UNTITLED
Alecrim

Lat: 39.261834 Long: -8.835210
Rua Afonso Costa,
Vila da Marmeleira,
Marmeleira & Assentiz Joint
Townships

3



UNTITLED
Samina

Lat: 39.264197 Long: -8.835304
Picnic park near the washhouse,
Rua António José de Almeida,
Vila da Marmeleira,
Marmeleira & Assentiz Joint
Townships

3A Picnic park

Assentiz

4



FLORES
Flowers
Priscilla Ballarin,
Desejos Urbanos

Lat: 39.256511 Long: -8.861536
Rua do Arneiro,
Assentiz,
Marmeleira & Assentiz Joint
Townships

8A N.º. Sr.ª. da Barreira Chapel

S. João da Ribeira

9



MAR
Sea
Priscilla Ballarin,
Desejos Urbanos

Lat: 39.279670 Long: -8.845806
Estrada Nacional 114, 83A
S. João da Ribeira,
S. João da Ribeira & Ribeira de
S. João Joint Townships

9A Moorish Tower

10



PACHAMAMA
Alecrim

Lat: 39.281133 Long: -8.851558
Grupo de Danças e Cantares de
S. João da Ribeira folk group/
Former primary school,
S. João da Ribeira,
S. João da Ribeira & Ribeira de
S. João Joint Townships

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BIBLIOTHECA
ACEPHALICA
Acephalic Library
João Seguro

Lat: 39.282529 Long: -8.851816
Centro Social Paroquial de
S. João Batista,
S. João da Ribeira,
S. João da Ribeira & Ribeira de
S. João Joint Townships

Ribeira de S. João

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UNTITLED
João Seguro

Lat: 39.280895 Long: -8.863128
Rua 1º Dezembro, Cabeça Gorda,
Ribeira de S. João,
S. João da Ribeira & Ribeira de
S. João Joint Townships

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CASA
Home
Priscilla Ballarin,
Desejos Urbanos

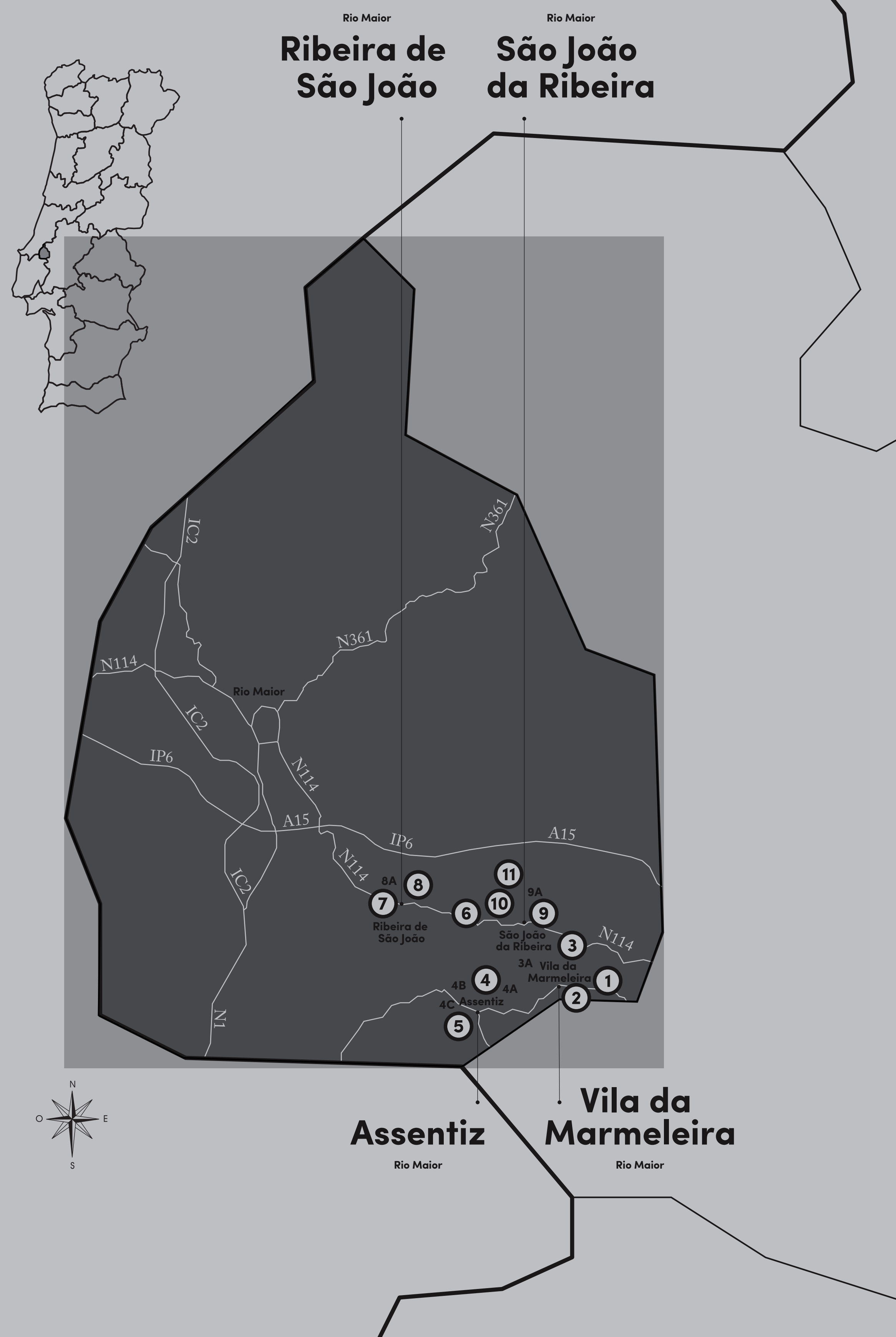
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S. João da Ribeira & Ribeira de
S. João Joint Townships

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UNTITLED
Alecrim

Lat: 39.287450 Long: -8.886443
Largo Luís Calado Vicente
Ribeira de S. João,
S. João da Ribeira & Ribeira de
S. João Joint Townships



Ribeira de São João

São João da Ribeira

Assentiz

Vila da Marmeleira

