

## Photographer João Mariano's exhibition "Ocean Spray" opens on June 12 at Lumina Gallery

Lumina Gallery opens *Ocean Spray*, an exhibition by photographer João Mariano, on June 12. This marks the first presentation of the 17 works that make up the project, in which the sea of Portugal's Costa Vicentina is depicted through the deep black-and-white aesthetic that characterizes the artist's practice. The images emphasize the sculptural qualities of water and the density of surfaces, moving beyond a purely figurative reading.

"I do not know when I started it, nor when I will finish it," says the photographer, whose long-term projects are known for their exploration of repetition and the passage of time. Yet here he turns his attention to the very opposite: the singular, unrepeatable nature of the photographic act.

It is within this temporal suspension—between a diffuse origin and an open horizon—that *Ocean Spray* takes shape: an ongoing process of engagement with a territory that is at once physical and inward. Here, the sea of the Costa Vicentina is not a backdrop but, in the artist's words, "an intimate palimpsest," upon which repeated observations of the same ever-changing landscape accumulate over time.

For *Le Mur*, the gallery's space dedicated to visual arts, curator Rute Reimão invited designer and visual artist Luísa Pacheco, whose intervention proposes a speculative ecology poised between extinction and reinvention, entering into dialogue with João Mariano's work.

We appreciate your support in helping to publicize this exhibition. The artist's biography is attached, and we are available to provide any additional information or to arrange interviews with the artist upon request.

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