

Theme 1

Ceramics in Wrecks and Underwater Discoveries

MEDIEVAL AND EARLY-MODERN CERAMICS FROM THE UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE ARADE B (PORTUGAL)

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The archaeological site Arade B is located in the Arade River estuary, on the Southern coast of western Algarve (Portugal). This is a privileged geographical area linking the Mediterranean and the Atlantic, which shows profitable characteristics for navigation as a natural shelter port. The Arade B is a complex archaeological site, on one hand due to the dredging that occurred in the area, and on the other hand the material culture present has an extensive chronology, from Roman times to the early-modern period.

This proposal intent to introduce the medieval and the early-modern pottery assemblage recovered in the Arade B, which might be related to port operations in the area. Some of these ceramics may also be related to shipwreck contexts, since in the site were also identified timbers of at least two post-medieval ships.