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CERAMIC SUPPLY OF PORTUGUESE KSAR SEGHIR: THROUGH THE MEDITERRANEAN COMMERCIAL NETWORKS

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Between 1458 and 1550, Ksar Seghir was one of the various Portuguese fortresses in North Africa, being today an archaeological site. In the almost a hundred years under the military, political, economic and social dominance of the kingdom of Portugal, this city and its community witnessed considerable transformations, naturally materialized in its material culture. It is known the privileged connection between North African cities, the Andalusian ones and the Portuguese ports to guarantee a regular supply of the most varied kind of products. Also, it seems crucial the understanding of this supply net assured at the time by the Portuguese Crown, in the long tradition of the Mediterranean commercial networks, through ceramic studies. All the data here presented will be based on the revision of registries and materials recovered during the Morocco-American archaeological surveys of C. L. Redman in the 70's and 80's fo the 20th century.