



## Tagus Estuary Riverside Linear Park



Partnerships for Urban Regeneration - Integrated Programmes for the Enhancement of Riverside and Maritime Fronts'.



The park, which is marked as natural in nature, is an element that enhances the presence of water and the Tagus Estuary, as a resource with strategic environmental and landscape value.

With a privileged location, it is part of the Metropolitan Ecological Network as a primary structuring area and has exceptional natural conditions, constituting an area of great ecological value and sensitivity, integrating the Natura 2000 Network: SPA – Tagus Estuary (PTZPE 0010) and a site on the national list of sites – Tagus Estuary (PT COM 009).

The project developed met the intrinsic potential of the space: privileged location next to the riverbank, balanced dimensions and geometry, favorable solar exposure.

The **Tagus Estuary Linear Riverside Park** is a strategic infrastructure for recreation, leisure and nature conservation, with interests extending to many areas, including education and science. It includes two types of spaces: **pedestrian/cycle trails** totaling approximately 5,910 ml, associated with paths and debris from drainage ditches and streams that also allow for bicycles, and a Multifunctional Space measuring 22,550 m2, called **'Fishermen's Beach'**. The park also includes an **Environmental and Landscape Interpretation Centre** and



## Observatory.

### → **Environmental and Landscape Interpretation Centre (CIAP)**

With a privileged location on 'Praia dos Pescadores' and next to one of the ends of the Tagus trail, this facility welcomes, informs and enlightens users about the characteristics of the natural and agricultural landscape they have visited, or will visit, its birdlife and flora, and the dynamics of the Tagus River in this location.

In the construction of CIAP, the priority objective was to create a model that incorporated principles and concerns of sustainability and reversibility, with the development of the concept of sustainable construction – reuse of materials, instead of a conventional construction model – being established as a priority.

The architectural solution adopted was based on the reuse of small removable modules of “High Cube” shipping containers, adapted and raised on the ground, creating spatial complexity. The complex was organised in modules, affecting an intervention area of around 496 m<sup>2</sup> of the Praia dos Pescadores platform, distributed over an outdoor area surrounding it on wooden platforms of around 306 m<sup>2</sup>.

### → **Bird Observatory**

This is a building with a metal structure covered with pallets for stacking goods, resulting from the reuse of used units.

On **Praia dos Pescadores** there is a set of iron pieces from the Somague shipyard, kindly provided by the company, which add formal, interpretative and historical value to this space, constituting for the most part memories of other times.

The green structure is based on the concept of 'beach', with the planting of predominantly native species, which will act as anchors in the renaturalization process that we intend to promote.

The **Tagus Estuary Linear Riverside Park** is a success story, given the high level of participation and satisfaction among the population. In this sense, the Municipality of Vila Franca de Xira has established as a priority for sustainable development strategy the continuation of the requalification of the riverside, for the enjoyment of the population, intending to replicate these interventions.

### → **Awards:**

- [Honorable Mention in the Sustainable Cities category GREEN PROJECTS AWARDS 2014](#)
- [1st Prize in the LANDSCAPE AND PUBLIC SPACES ARCHMARATHON AWARDS 2015 category](#)
- [1st Prize WAN LANDSCAPE AWARD 2016](#)

## Topiaris

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It is connected to the [Póvoa de Santa Iria Urban Park](#) by pedestrian and cycle paths, which extend to For... and the Verdelha area, next to the parish of Alverca.





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