



## SITE ANALYSIS 02

#### PORTO CITY RELEVANCE



GALERIA DA BIODIVERSIDADE

The first branch of the Science Museum of the University of Porto, in the former home of Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen and Botanical Garden.



REDE DE BIOSPOTS DO PORTO

A partnership of the Municipality with Infraestruturas de Portugal, a network of urban forest areas predominantly autochthonous for the reforestation.



INSIDE BOLHÃO MARKET

Built in 1914, sitting in the middle of the Baixa district. It is situated on a sloped block and has a gate along each side of its rectangular footprint. The main entrance on the southern side opens to the fresh produce market on the ground floor.



MERCADO MUNICIPAL DE MATO-Sinhos

> Built from the demolition of a block and was inaugurated 27 May 1952. Designed by the group – Architects. The north facade is decorated with ceramic panels by Américo Soares Braga.









Route between original and proposed site

## TRANS LOCATION/ EXPANSION OF THE GALLERY OF BIODIVERSITY: AUDIT











BASEMENT FLOO



SOUTH ELEVATION



GROUND FLOOR



ROOF PLAN

) PORTO







The expansion of the Gallery of Biodiversity enhances the indoor exhibition experience while allowing the existing gallery to develop into a garden-centric space.By relocating the internal museum exhibits to a purpose-built structure, the limitations of the original building are avoided, enabling a design tailored for immersive and interactive experiences that showcase native species in controlled environments. The existing gallery will turn into a landscape conservation, outdoor learning, and ecological immersion which is cohesive with the architecture of the existing gallery building.

EAST ELEVATION



## PRECEDENT STUDY ON THE ARCHITECTURAL STRATE-GIES FOR LIGHT ENTRY AND DIFFUSION WITHIN MUSEUM SPACES





The casa de musica's Auditorium's two large glass facades allow natural light to illuminate the space. Each glass facade is approximately 23.2 meters wide and 14 meters high, consisting of three stacked "S"-curved glass panels. The upper two panels are suspended from the roof, while the lower panel rests on the base. This corrugated form enhances the glass's structural capacity, allowing it to withstand wind loads with minimal additional support. Horizontal trusses at the upper and lower thirds of the glass walls provide further stability, ensuring the facades can endure environmental forces effectively.













The roof of the Selva Alegre Residence in Los Chillos, Ecuador, designed by Leppanen Anker Arquitectura, takes inspiration from the nearby Andes Mountains to integrate with the landscape.

The roof's structure is made from European spruce timber, chosen for its strength and sustainability. It's three large curved beams, each between 20-24 meters long. The roof components were prefabricated in Europe using CNC technology, then shipped to Ecuador and assembled in just six weeks. The triangulated wood system gives the roof stability and allows for easy transport and construction.

The roof combines local clay tiles, glass panels, and exposed wood. The glass areas bring in daylight, reducing the need for artificial lighting. Structurally, the design allows for natural ventilation through the "chimney effect," which improves airflow and reduces energy use. Timber, as a low-carbon material, also helps make the building more sustainable.



#### **ORIGINAL SITE EXPLORATION**

#### **Trees and Srubs**

- Am Acer monspessulanum L / Montpellier maple Ap - Acer pseudoplatanus L / Sycamore maple Ag - Alnus glutnosa (L.) Gaertn / Common alder Au - Arbutus unedo L / Strawberry tree Bp - Betula pubescens Ehrh / Common white birch Bs - Buxus sempervirens L / Common box Cs - Ceratonia siligua L / Carob Ch - Chamaerops humilis L / Dwarf fan palm Cal - Cistus albidus L / White-leaved rock rose Cp - Cistus populifolius L / Poplar-leaved cistus Cl - Cistus ladanifer L / Gum rockrose Ca - Corvlus avellana L / Common hazel Cm - Crataegus monogyna Jacq / May blossom Ea - Erica arborea L / Briar root Ec - Erica cinerea L / Bell heather Fa - Frangula alnus Mill / Alder buckthorn
- Ia Ilex aquifolium L / Holly
- Jo Juniperus oxycedrus L / Brown-berried juniper nohilis I / Ba

#### Camellia japonica Diversity:

- 1 Camellia japonica 'Alba Mínima' 2 - Camellia japonica 'Alberto Allen' 3 - Camellia japonica 'Alberto Barbosa'
- 4 Camellia japonica 'Alberto Barbosa'
  5 Camellia japonica 'Alberto Borralho
  5 Camellia japonica 'Alegria de Albar'
- 6 Camellia japonica 'Alexandre Herculano
- Camellia japonica 'Anagua do Pedro'
- Camellia japonica 'Anémona Cadente'
- 9 Camellia japonica 'Anémona Rosea Portuensis' 10 Camellia japonica 'Anémona Variegata Portuensis'

- 11 Camellia japonica 'Angelina Vieira'
  12 Camellia japonica 'António Bernardo Ferreira'
- 13 Camellia japonica 'Augusto Leal de Gouveia Pinto' 14 - Camellia japonica 'Autonomia dos Acores'
- Camellia japonica 'Barão de Mogofres
- 16 Camellia japonica 'Baroneza de Villar
- 17 Camellia japonica 'Bella de Fiães'
- 18 Camellia japonica 'Bella Infanta' 19 Camellia japonica 'Bella Portuense

#### 52 - Camellia japonica 'Formosa' 53 - Camellia japonica 'Frei Luiz de Sousa'

- 54 Camellia japonica 'Gigante de Fiães'
- 55 Camellia japonica 'Gran Vasco'
- 56 Camellia japonica 'Imperial Lusitanica'
- 57 Camellia japonica 'Infanta D. Maria Anna'
- 58 Camellia japonica 'Infante D. Fernando
- 59 Camellia japonica 'Jáo António' 60 Camellia japonica 'Jeronymo Monteiro da Costa'
- 61 Camellia japonica 'José Marques Loureiro
- 62 Camellia japonica 'Manoelinho d'Évora'
- 63 Camellia japonica 'Maria do Sameiro' 64 - Camellia japonica 'Maria Irene'
- Camellia japonica 'Marquêz da Fronteira'
- 66 Camellia japonica 'Moura Encantada
- 67 Camellia japonica 'Myr folia Lusitana'
- 68 Camellia japonica 'Nympha de Fiães' 69 - Camellia japonica 'Paço de Santo António'



Lm - Lavandula multfida L / Egyp an lavender Ls - Lavandula stoechas L / French lavender Mc - Myrtus communis L / Common myrtle Oe - Olea europaea L / Olive tree Or - Osmunda regalis L / Royal fern Pi - Persea indica (L.) Spreng / Canary wood Paz - Picconia azorica (Tu n) Knobl / Azorean Picconia Ppi - Pinus pinaster Aiton / Mari me pine Pp - Pinus pinea L / Stone pine Ps - Pinus sylvestris L / Scots pine Pt - Pistacia terebinthus L / Terebinth tree Pa - Prunus avium L / Cherry tree PI - Prunus lusitanica L / Portugal laurel Qc - Quercus canariensis Willd / Algerian oak Qcc - Quercus coccifera L / Kermes oak Qf - Quercus faginea Lam / Portuguese oak QI - Quercus lusitanica Lam / Gall oak Qp - Quercus pubescens Willd / Nepal oak Qpy - Quercus pyrenaica Willd / Pyrenean oak Qr - Quercus robur L / English oak Qro - Quercus rotundifolia Lam / Holm oak Qs - Quercus suber L / Cork oak Ra - Rhamnus alaternus L / Italian buckthorn Rp - Rhododendron pontcum L / Pon ca rhododendron Ra - Ruscus aculeatus L / Butcher's broom Sa - Salix atrocinerea Brot / Rusty Sallow Tb - Taxus baccata L / Irish yew Ue - Ulex europaeus L / Common gorse Vo - Viburnum opulus L / Guelder rose Vt - Viburnum tnus L / Laurus nus Wr - Woodwardia radicans L / European chain fern

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44 - Camellia japonica 'Duque de Bragança' 45 - Camellia japonica 'Duque do Porto' 46 - Camellia japonica 'Duriensis' 47 - Camellia japonica 'Egas Moniz' 48 - Camellia japonica 'Endymião' 49 - Camellia japonica 'Exímia Alba' 50 - Camellia japonica 'Fada do Mirante' 51 - Camellia japonica 'Felícia Pimentel'

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70 - Camellia japonica 'Padre Manoel dos Santos' 71 - Camellia japonica 'Peonia Superba' 72 - Camellia japonica 'Perfeição de Villar 73 - Camellia japonica 'Pomponia Alba' 74 - Camellia japonica 'Pomponia Alba Monstruosa' 75 - Camellia japonica 'Pomponia Alba Odorata' 76 - Camellia japonica 'Pomponia Dilecta' 77 - Camellia japonica 'Pomponia Estriata Portuensis' 78 - Camellia japonica 'Pomponia Luctea' 79 - Camellia japonica 'Pomponia Pedro a'
80 - Camellia japonica 'Primeiro de Fevereiro' 81 - Camellia japonica 'Princeza Real' 82 - Camellia japonica 'Quita' 83 - Camellia japonica 'Rainha Santa Isabel 84 - Camellia japonica 'Rei Ar sta' 85 - Camellia japonica 'Saudade de Mar ns Branco' 86 - Camellia japonica 'Silvestria' 87 - Camellia japonica 'Stellata Estrelinha' 88 - Camellia japonica 'Surpreza de J. Marques Loureiro' 89 - Camellia japonica 'Tedinia' 90 - Camellia japonica 'Terpsicore' 91 - Camellia japonica 'Três Corações' 92 - Camellia japonica 'Vanzelleria' 93 - Camellia japonica 'Variegata Superba' 94 - Camellia japonica 'Villar d'Allen' 95 - Camellia japonica 'Viriato' 96 - Camellia japonica 'Visconde dÁlmeida Garre 97 - Camellia japonica 'Visconde D'Alvellos' 98 - Camellia japonica 'Viscondessa de Loureiro' 99 - Camellia sasanqua 'Barão de Soutelinho'

#### DENSE **GREENERY** WITH LOW **SPECIES** VARIETY

#### INITIAL TOPOGRAPHY Adaptation Exploration







## ORIGINAL SITE PROGRAM-MING ORGANISING AND RE-FINING



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#### LANDSCAPING DEVELOPMENT

GREEN HOUSE AND PAMELAS OF THE ORIGINAL GALLERY OF BIODIVERSITY

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PROGRAMMING AND SPATIAL ORGANIZATION OF THE PRO-POSED BIODIVERSITY GAL-LERY, DEVELOPED IN REF-ERENCE TO THE ORIGINAL GALLERY'S FUNCTIONAL AND CONCEPTUAL STRUCTURE

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ROOFTOP GARDEN INSPIRED BY THE PAGINAS IN THE GALLERY OF BIODIVERSITY

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GLOBAL PROJECTION EXHIBITION FROM THE ORIGINAL GALLERY OF BIODIVERSITY

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VISION DIVERSITY EXHIBITION FROM THE ORIGINAL GALLERY OF BIODIVERSITY

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DARWIN ADAPTION VIDEOS

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ADAPTIONS AND EVOLUTION ON SCREEN

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AUDITORY EXHIBITION DIVERSITY OF HEARTBEATS FROM THE ORIGINAL GALLERY OF BIODIVERSITY

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FOSSIL AND ANTHROPOID EXHIBITION

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SKELETON EXHIBITION

TAXIDERMY EXHIBITION

BOTANICAL GARDENS INSPIRED BY PORTO'S GARDENS OF BIODIVERSITY

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## ORIGINAL MUSEUM OF BIODIVERSITY: MAP OF EXISTING TREE AND SHRUB PLANTINGS (DENSE GREENERY WITH LOW SPECIES VARIETY)

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2.ATRIUM 3.EVOLUTION EXHIBITION 4.TAXIDERMY EXHIBITION 5.CAFE 'GARDEN' 1.FOYER/ OVERFLOW EXHIBI-TION SPACE

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## SEQUENCE 1: VIEW FROM POPULAR JUNCTION

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## SEQUENCE 3: ATRIUM VIEW

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## SEQUENCE 2: VIEW FROM ENTRANCE

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## SEQUENCE 4: DARK EXHIBITION VIEW

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## SEQUENCE 5: VIEW IN DESERT GREEN HOUSE

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## SEQUENCE 7: WEST ROAD VIEW

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#### SEQUENCE 6: VIEW INHABITED GREEN ROOF

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## SEQUENCE 8: VIEW FROM CAFE AND TERRACE

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#### SHORT RENDERED SECTION B 1:200 1700

- A. EVOLUTION EXHIBITION
- B. TAXIDERMY EXHIBITION
- C. DESERT PLANT GREENHOUSE
- D. CAFE
- 1.FOSSIL GALLERY
- 2. EVOLUTION EXHIBITION
- 3. VISION DIVERSITY EXHIBITION
- 4. ATRIUM/ OVERFLOW EXHIBITION SPACE 9. UNINHABITED GREEN ROOF
- 5. SKELETON GALLERY
- 6.DAWIN EXHIBITION 7.HEART-BEAT EXHIBITION 8.INHABITED, HAMMOCK GARDEN

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## EAST FACADE 1:200 0800

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#### SHORT RENDERED SECTION A 1:200 0800

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#### SHORT RENDERED SECTION B 1:200 0800

- A. EVOLUTION EXHIBITION
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#### Exploring Oyster Shell Tiles with Natural Pigmentation

As part of my material explorations, I am recreating a sample tile inspired by oyster shell tiles. The choice of oyster shells stems from their natural durability, calcium-rich composition, and historical use in coastal construction. Additionally, I have introduced beetroot as a natural pigment to achieve a dusty pink inspired by the original facade of the Gallery of Biodiversity.

#### MATERIAL STRATEGY

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Porto's oyster industry has a deep-rooted history tied to its coastal geography and maritime traditions. In the past, the city's estuarine waters supported a thriving oyster trade, with mollusks harvested from the Douro River and surrounding areas. However, due to environmental changes and overexploitation, local oyster farming has significantly declined. Despite this, the cultural and ecological significance of oysters remains.

For my experiment, I sourced oyster shells from Whitstable, a historic fishing town in the UK renowned for its oyster farming. This connection between Whitstable's enduring oyster industry and Porto's lost tradition represents the potential of re-purposing waste materials from coastal economies into sustainable architectural elements.

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#### PRIMARY STRUCTURAL STRATEGY

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Isometric Column Base Detail with Stainless Steel Plates To Ensure That The Timber Is Kept Out Of Contact With The Groundsman That Each End Of The Gumaman Columns Are Ventilated

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Roof detail of the supporting connection for the wave-like roof design, featuring two 'parallel' panels in a flowing form. Designed to refract and diffuse Portugal's strong sunlight; the roof helps maintain a cooler environment within the atrium.

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Exploded Perspective View Of The Whole Structural Proposal: Cement Foundation With Stone Retaining Wall And Glulam Timber Frame From The Upper Ground Floor To The Second Floor

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## THROUGH THE WINDOWS OF THE PHYSICAL MODEL, WITH A PROGRES-SION OF LIGHT

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**MODEL PHOTOS** 

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#### ACCESS AND ESCAPE

- 1. Greenhouse Roof Metal Structural Framework.
- 2. Greenhouse Roof Glass Panels.
- 3. Greenhouse Walls Metal Structural Framework.
- 4. Greenhouse Walls Glass Panels.
- 5. Pergolas.
- 6. Inhabited Café Terrace.
- 7. Uninhabited Green Roof.
- 8. Fourth Floor Exterior Wall
- 9. Window Glazing (Panes).
- 10. Exterior Window Frames.
- 11. Wave-Form Glass Roof Panels (Double Curve).
- 12. Steel Structural System Supporting The Roof.
- 13. Wall Steel Structure Holding The Glass Walls To-
- gether
- 14. Glass Wall Panels.
- 15. Lift Shaft And Interior Main Staircase.

A. Primary Fire Escape Via Main Building Staircases.
B. Secondary Fire Escape Through The Second-Story Green-Roof Leading To The South Site Boundary.
C. Fire Escape Exit To The West Site Boundary, Providing Access To The Residential Care Park.
D. Primary Circulation Route.

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Roof Light Refraction The undulating form of the roof refracts natural light, creating soft, diffused interior. Inspired by the effect in OMA's Casa da Música, the geometry breaks and scatters direct sunlight, reducing glare and heat intensity

Roof Ventilation Warm air naturally rises and escapes through high-level vents, drawing cooler air in from lower openingspromoting natural air circulation without mechanical systems.

Green Roof and Heat Capture The green roof, integrated into the wave form, captures and retains solar heat, creating a microclimate suitable for botanical species that thrive in high temperatures. It also contributes to insulation, reducing the building's overall energy load and adding to its ecological value.

Window Mechanics

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Allow for controlled daylighting and cross-ventilation. Openings provide flexibility, enabling adjustments interior comfort levels according to seasonal or daily climatic changes.

Oyster Shell and Fishbone Cladding The buildings cladding of oyster shell and fish bone tiles are rich in calcium carbonate, making them highly durable, reflective, and resistant to corrosion-especially beneficial in the sites coastal, humid and saline environments.the tile also has very low embodied carbon which turns negative when materials are by- products form portos fishing industy. coastal conditions. It is a bio-based cladding system that returns to a dying industry in porto, naturally locks in carbon and reduces th ebuildings overall carbon emmitions.

Green Roof(s) Green roofs layered soil and vegetation makeup improves the building's thermal insulation, reducing energy demand. The uninhabited green roof, though not visible in the diagram, contributes to the environmental performance; managing rainwater runoff, stabilising interior temperatures, and carbon capture through native biodiversity.

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