



RELATED TRADES

The world of fishing depended on other activities

The world of fishing has always been interlinked to other jobs which were essential for the development of fishing, and without them, fishermen wouldn't be able to develop their job.

Cordeiros (rope makers)

They made the ropes, which are an essential element in a boat: to moor it at the harbour, to anchor the boat at sea, to hoist the sails, to build the fishing gears... and many other activities which need the use of a simple but essential rope.

Redeiras (net makers)

The Redeiras, or net makers were women who made nets or repaired the torn ones. It was mainly a women task.

They elaborated the mesh with thread and afterwards they sewed it to the cork floats and pieces of iron. In many ports, the net makers worked independently, the same as fishermen, and they were paid according to the catches.

Veleros (sail makers)

They made the sails from linen cloths. They sewed them until the sail was ready and then they added the rings and ropes.

Finally they used to treat them with pine tree smashed bark to make them stronger.

Cesteiros (Basket makers)

They had the task of making the plates used to transport the fish to the market, as well as making the big baskets used to land sardine from the boat to the factories.

Carpinteiros (Carpenters)

Without any doubt, one of the most important jobs related to the world of fishing was the labour of carpenters who were in charge of building and repairing the boats. They used to have a small workshop in a place sheltered from storms and close to the shore where they could beach the boats needing repair or install the hull of the new ones and install all the needed gears. Some carpenters, as the ones from O Freixo used to move for some weeks to other ports to repair the boats.