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Crafts of the Sea: Guided Tours & Open-Air Screening at Athens Exhibition

Crafts of the Sea, Archipelago Network's inaugural exhibition in Athens, reopens at the Goethe-Institut Athen for three more weeks—until September 21. Curated by Maurizio Borriello and Jacob Moe, the exhibition traces the interconnections of past and present Cycladic maritime communities. *Crafts of the Sea* focuses on five Cycladic islands—Amorgos, Koufonisia, Paros, Santorini, and Syros—through archival and contemporary photography, sound, and audiovisual material.

As part of the exhibition, on Wednesday, September 11, a series of guided tours and a screening program will take place at the Goethe-Institut Athen's atrium.

GUIDED TOURS

Jacob Moe, co-curator and director of Archipelago Network, will lead two guided tours at 19:30 and 20:00, presenting the themes and works of the exhibition. How has the maritime identity of the Cyclades been shaped during the past century? What do shipbuilding, fishing, and seafaring signify for local communities? Can traditional practices and crafts offer answers to contemporary social, environmental, and cultural challenges?

To participate, please reserve your spot by September 8 [here](#).

SCREENING PROGRAM

At 20:30, the Archipelago Network team welcomes you to the atrium of the Goethe-Institut Athen for an open-air screening of two documentaries showcasing maritime life across geographically diverse contexts. From the Aegean Sea to the Andaman Sea of Thailand and Myanmar, the films offer insights into the complex interaction between hyper-globalization, local knowledge, and the marine environment. What can we learn from these diverse communities that call the sea their home?

Kostas Prasinos: Portrait

Jacob Moe, Greece, 2024, 11'

Kostas Prasinos, a fisherman from Koufonisia, narrates the social and technological shifts that have affected island life since he first began sailing some fifty years ago, revealing methods, beliefs, and aphorisms related to coastal fishing in the Cyclades.

Sailing a Sinking Sea

Olivia Wyatt, Myanmar/Thailand, 2015, 65'

The Moken people of Myanmar and Thailand are a seafaring community traditionally spending eight months out of the year in thatch-roofed wooden boats; wholly reliant upon the sea, their entire belief system revolves around water. In a visually and aurally immersive tapestry, Moken mythologies and present-day practices invoke the wisdom gained from living intimately with the sea.

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No registration required for the event. Attendance is on a first come first served basis. Films screened with English subtitles.

Following the screening, attendees are invited to a reception in the Goethe-Institut's atrium.

Crafts of the Sea is realized in collaboration with the Goethe-Institut Athen with the support of the Costas M. Lemos Foundation, Goethe-Institut Athen, and Archipelago Network's benefactors' circle.

About Archipelago Network

The Aegean islands are havens of diasporic culture, traditional knowledge, and biodiversity. Yet today, accelerating forces such as overtourism and the global climate crisis exert local pressures on these coastal communities, threatening knowledge systems and environmental equilibriums. In this context, Archipelago Network takes up the Cyclades islands as laboratories for field research, residencies, publications, online projects, and public programs. The initiative works at the intersection of visual practices, cultural life, and the natural environment, providing open access to its digital collections while contributing to the development of local and regional memory through documentation and outreach activities.

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