

Pesca artesanal en Cananéia, litoral sur del Estado de São Paulo, Brasil

Cultural biogeography of the artisanal fishery in *Cananéia*, South Coast of *São Paulo* State, Brazil

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In general, there are few studies on relations between coastal environments and human populations. Artisanal fishing is a tradition and it demonstrates strong dependence between the fisherman and the ecosystem. This study aimed to characterize artisanal fisheries in *Cananéia* (Southern Coast of the São Paulo State, Brazil) and to identify agents of their organization and modification. We conducted literature review, fieldwork and interviews with fishermen and members of the Z-9 Fishers Association, Oyster Producers Cooperative, and Institute of Fisheries. The artisanal fishery takes place on the waterfront and in lagoons near the coast, where mainly captured 10 fishes species, 6 crustaceans species, and 3 molluscs species. The region has 10 protected areas to nature conservation. Currently many fishermen also work with tourism, but do not leave the artisanal fishery, which is still the most profitable per year.

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