

The Cirne de Xàbia Foundation launches the Nits de Tinta exhibition about fisheries

The Cirne de Xàbia Foundation hosts until the end of February the exhibition 'Nits de Tinta. A singular art of fishing' that compiles a series of photographs by Jake Abbott and Felipe Escolano belonging to his work of divulging a traditional fishing art as rooted in municipalities such as Xàbia and Poble Nou de Benitatxell such as 'Les Pesqueres'.

The mayor, José Chulvi, and the head of the Heritage service of the Generalitat, Marta Ponce, attended the opening of this exhibition subsidized by the Ministry of Education, Research, Culture and Sports and after Xàbia will visit other points of the Marina Alta.

The photographer Jake Abbott has explained the peculiarities of the fishermen, platforms of reeds that were installed on the walls of the cliffs from where they fished during the winter nights. Access to fishing was intricate through rudimentary ropes and ladders and the claim was the lighting of a light that attracted squids, cuttlefish and rockfish, which is why this practice is also known as 'Encesa'.



The photographic exhibition recovers the tanned faces of the last fishermen and is a prelude to a thematic documentary about this unique fishing art of our culture and probably unique in the world.

Nits de Tinta is just one part of the extensive work of Abbott and Escolano, who for years have documented portraits of women and men fishermen, details of the fisheries and panoramic views of the coast where they were located. The authors are also working on the edition of a Photo Book.

The mayor, José Chulvi, described the project as “spectacular and very interesting”, as it witnesses part of our heritage “emotional, scenic, cultural and social and because it dignifies the work of these fishermen”, while thanking the *Generalitat* its support and sensitivity to cultural initiatives like this one. Also Cirne Foundation, which has given its exhibition space for the public to enjoy the exhibition, which will be **open until the end of February from 18 to 21 hours**.