# THE TUNA-FISHING STRUCTURES IN SICILY

## An Identarian Architectural Heritage

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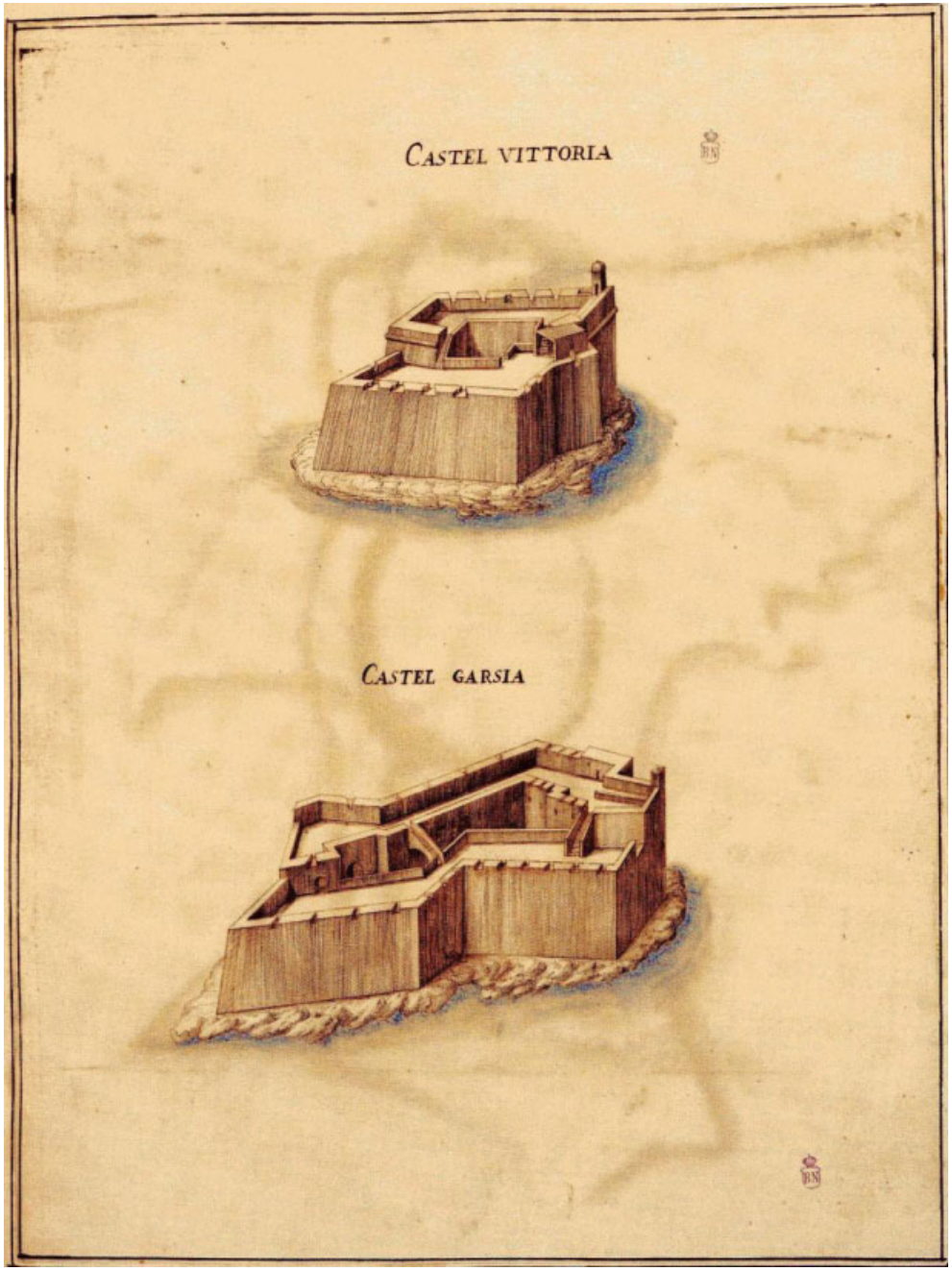
**(1640)**

# Plan of two Forts. (1640)

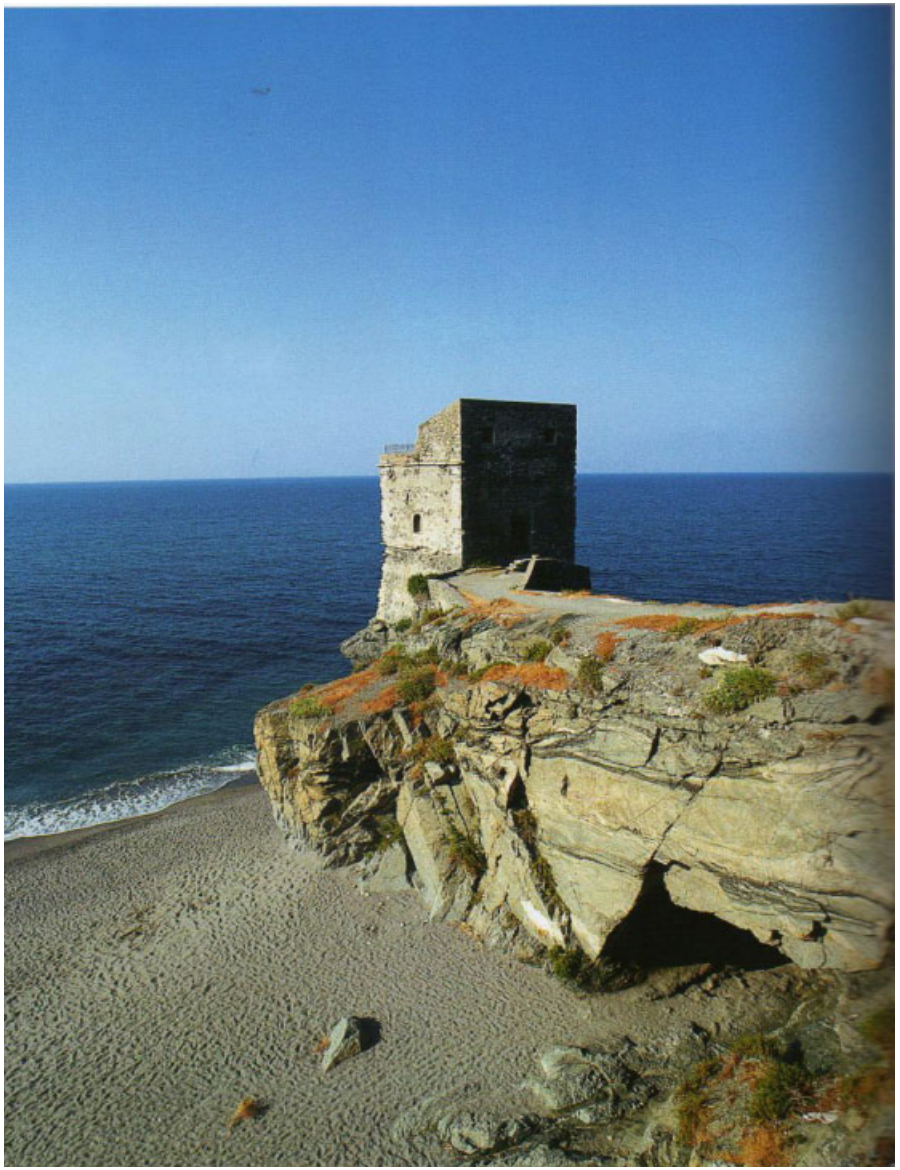


**Tower called “Cabrera”.**

**(RAGUSA)**

**Tower called "delle Ciavole".**

**(Province of MESSINA)**



**Tower called “Manfria”.**

**(Province of CALTANISSETTA)**

**Tower called "Scilichenti".**

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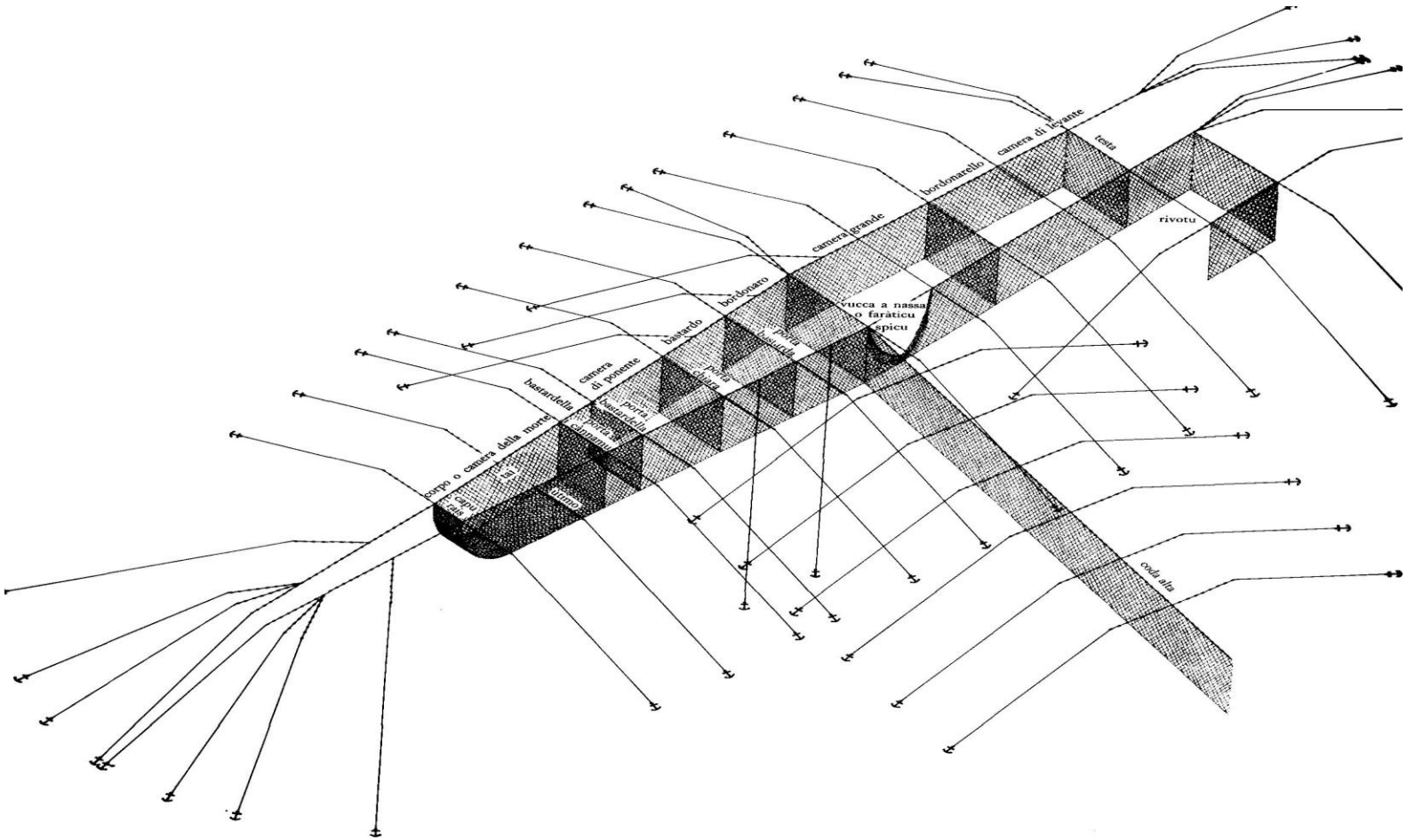
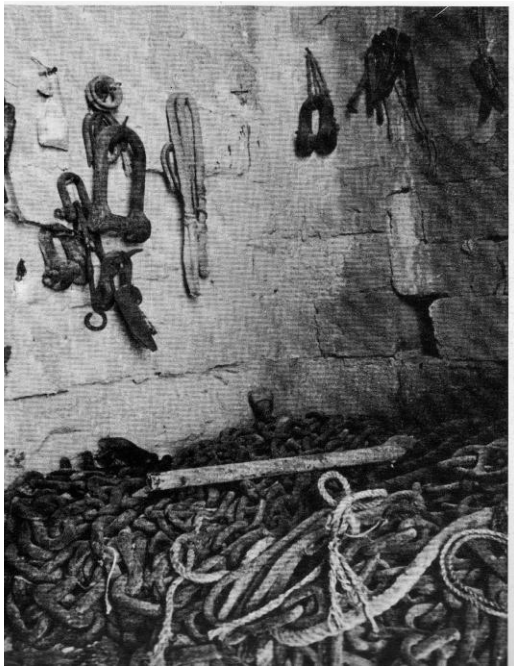
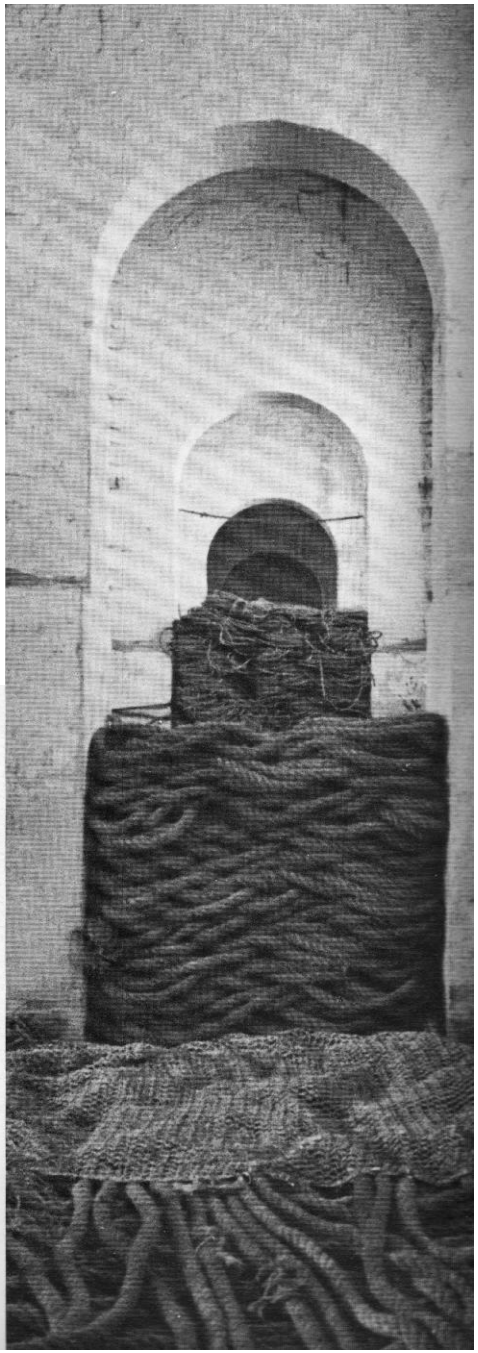
# System of fixed nets and large underwater traps



# Nets in the ware-houses

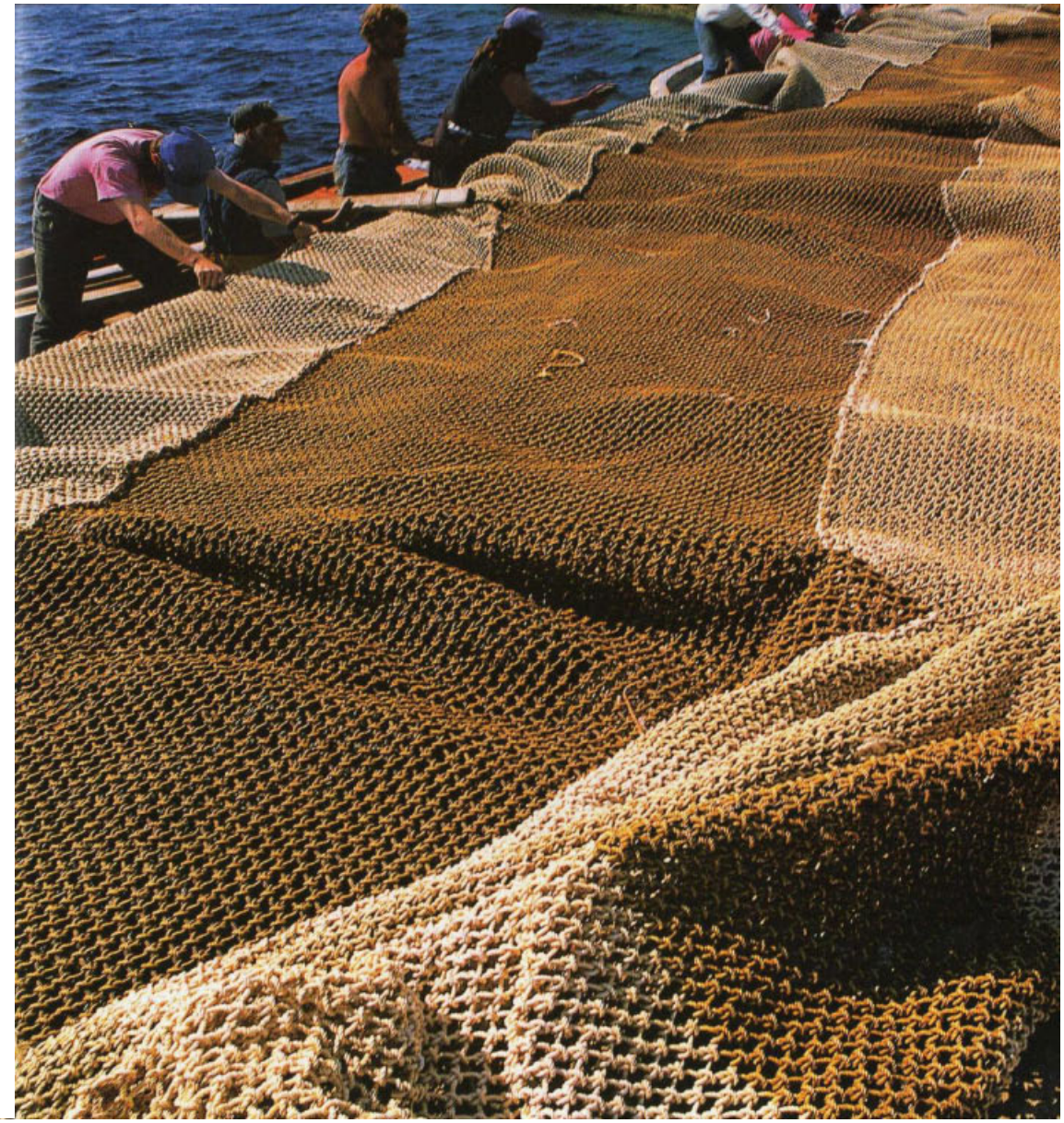




# “FAVIGNANA” (Egadi Islands) - Cordage

# “FAVIGNANA” - Setting the fishing nets

# LOWING THE FISHING NETS

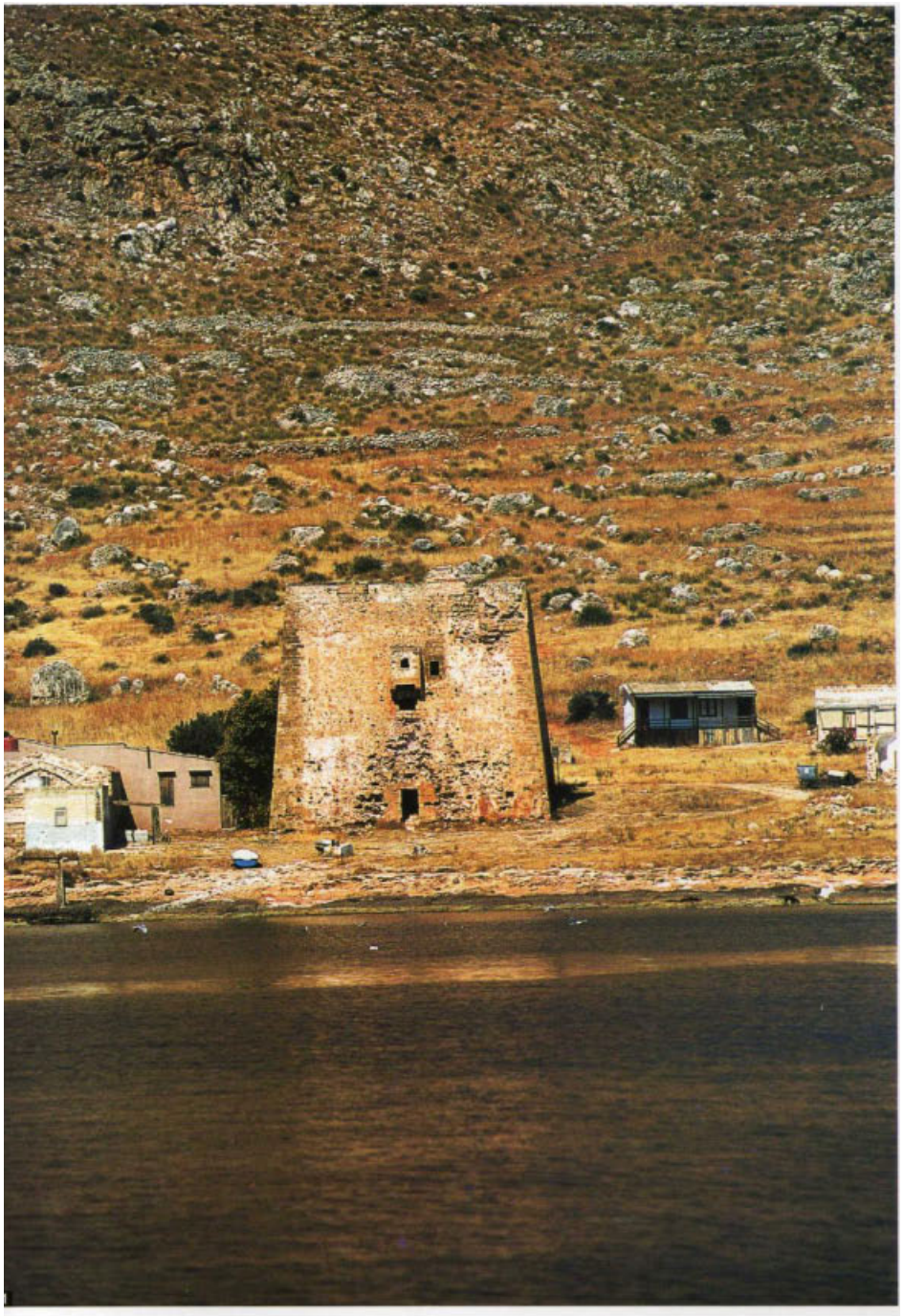


***Tonnara* architecture**

**“SAN NICOLA L’ARENA” (near Palermo)**

# *Tonnara* architecture

# “COFANO”
# (Province of Trapani)



***Tonnara* architecture – "VERGINE MARIA" (Palermo)**

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# *Tonnara* architecture

## “CARINI”
## (near Palermo)

***Tonnara* architecture: "ORSA"**
**(near Palermo)**

1810

2010

# “SOLANTO” (near Palermo)

| TUNA-FISHINGS | PROVINCES | Year of the first documentation |
|---|---|---|
| SCIBILIANA | Trapani | 1093 |
| OLIVERI | Messina | 1101 |
| CEFALU' | Palermo | 1132 |
| MACTILA | Siracusa | 1140 |
| MILAZZO | Messina | 1148 |
| ISOLA DELLE FEMMINE | Palermo | 1176 |
| ARENELLA | Palermo | 1210 |
| MILAZZO | Messina | 1210 |
| SAN GIORGIO | Messina | 1210 |
| PALAZZO | Trapani | 1268 |
| CASTELLAMMARE DEL GOLFO | Trapani | 1271 |
| BONAGIA | Trapani | 1272 |
| COFANO | Trapani | 1272 |
| FAVIGNANA | Trapani | 1272 |
| SAN TEODORO | Trapani | 1272 |
| SOLANTO | Palermo | 1274 |
| CAPO PASSERO | Siracusa | 1275 |
| SCOPELLO | Trapani | 1291 |

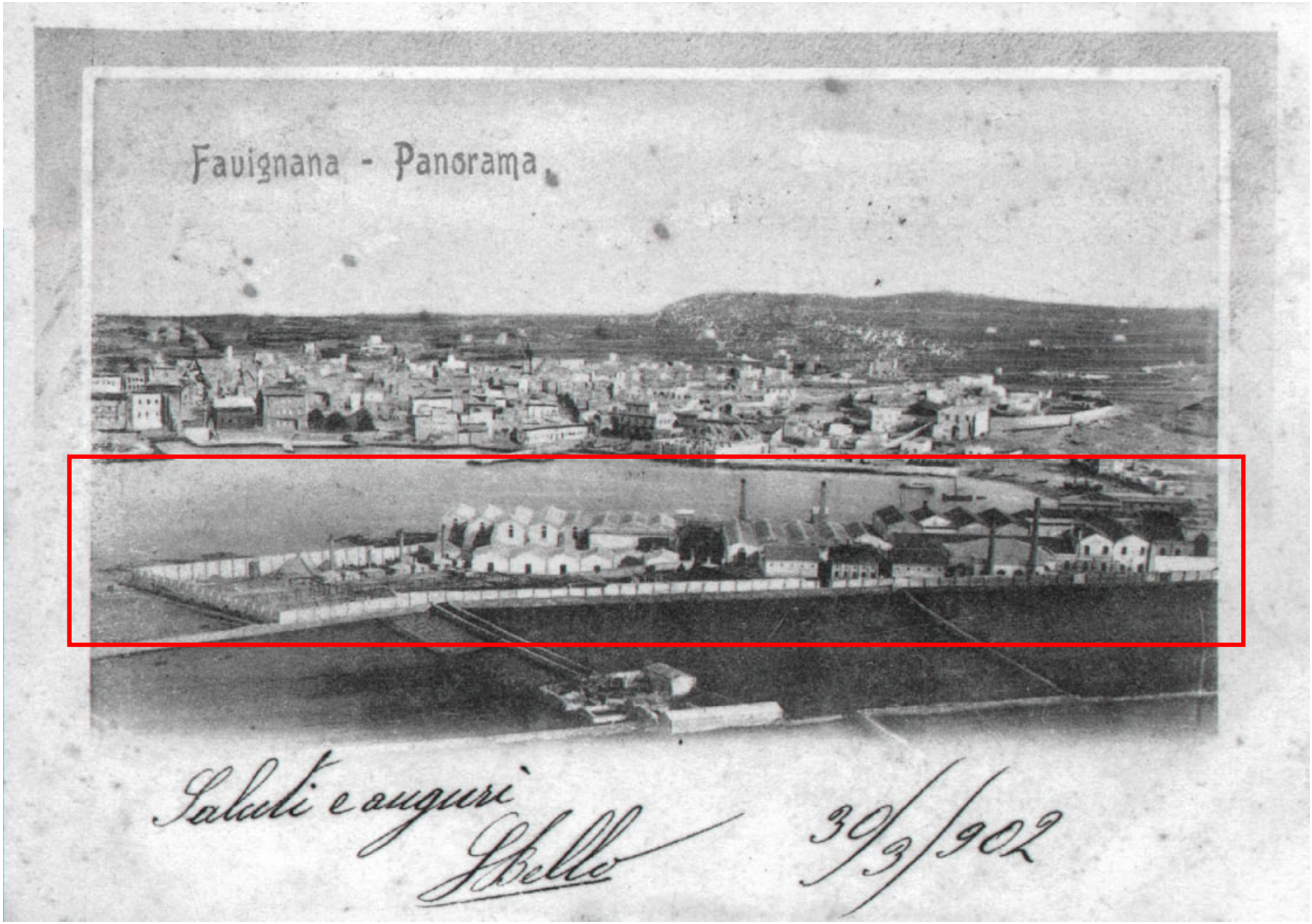
Fonte: H. BRESC, *Un monde méditerranéen. Economie et société en Sicile 1300-1450* , Palermo, 1986.

# 1886

| TUNA-FISHING NETS PER PROVINCES | N.o | 1° class (5000 tunas on average) | 2° class (2000 tunas on average) | 3° class (1000 tunas on average) | 4° class (500 tunas on average) | 5° class (less than 500 tunas) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TRAPANI** | **7** | (1) Favignana | (2) Formica | (3) Scopello | (4) Bonagia, (5) Castellammare del Golfo, (6) S.Giuliano, (7) Secco | |
| **PALERMO** | **6** | | | (1) Solanto | (2) S.Elia, (3) S.Nicolò l'Arena, (4) Trabia | (5) Arenella, (6) Vergine Maria |
| **MESSINA** | **5** | | | (1) Oliveri | (2) S.Giorgio di Patti, (3) Tono | (4) Rocca Bianca, (5) S.Antonino |
| **SIRACUSA** | **3** | (1) Pachino | | (2) Capo Passero, (3) Santa Panagia | | |
| **Sicily** | **21** | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 4 |
| **Other Regions** | **18** | | | | | |
| **Italy** | **39** | | | | | |

**Fonte: P. PAVESI, *Relazione alla Commissione Reale per le Tonnare*, Roma, 1889.**

# *Tonnara* architecture: “VERGINE MARIA” (Palermo)


Favignana - Panorama
Saluti e auguri
30/3/902

FAVIGNANA - Stabilimento Florio

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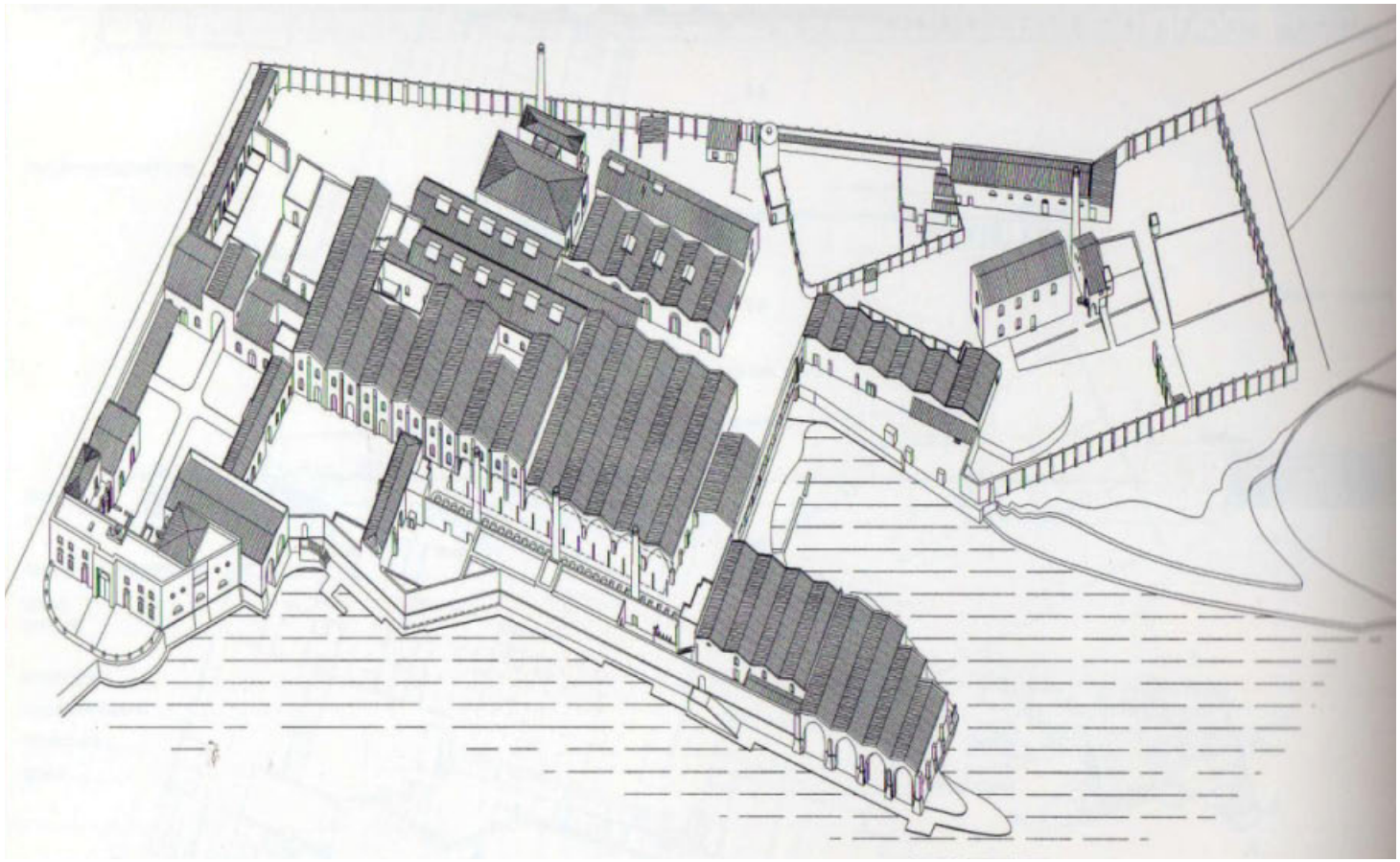
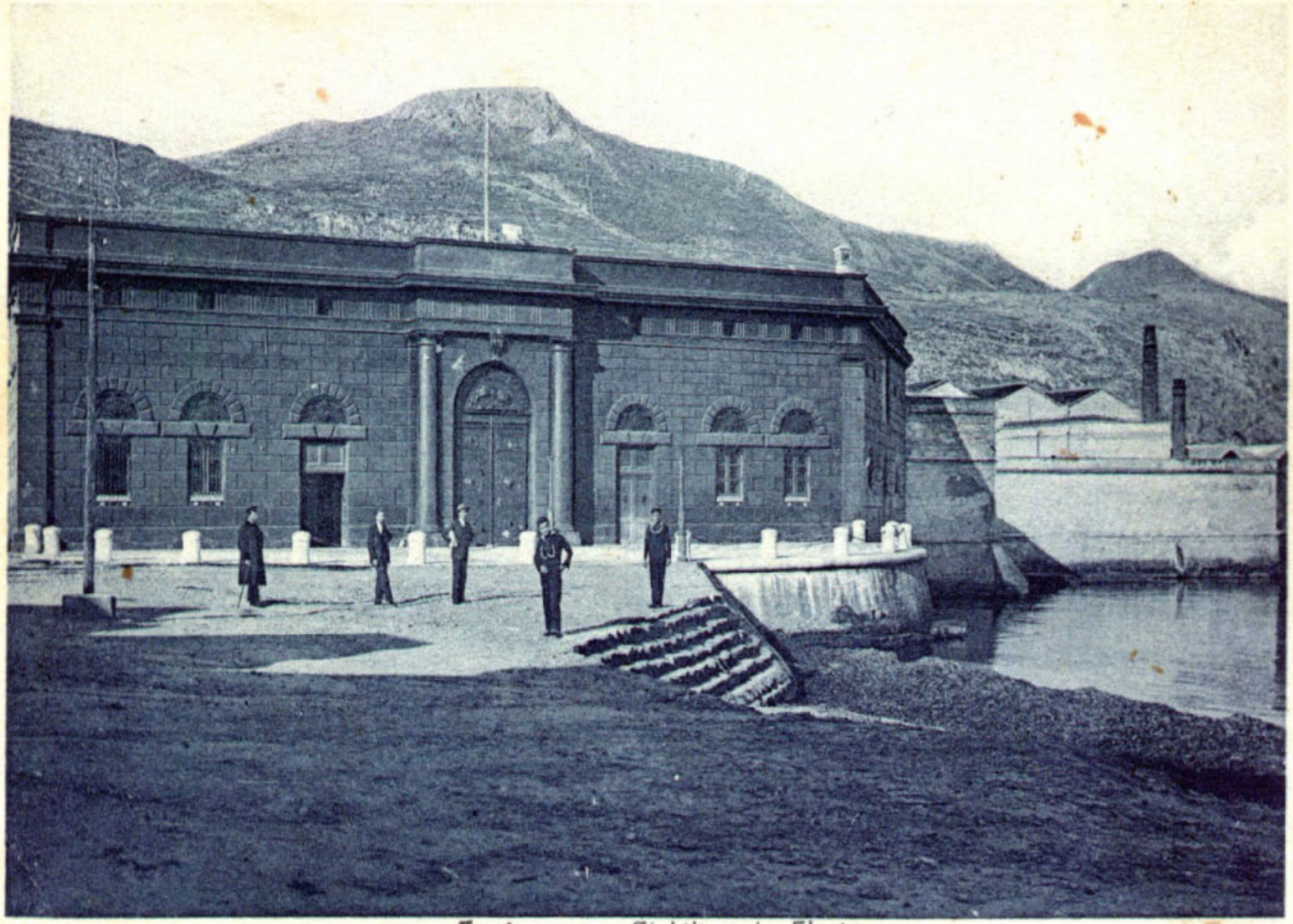
# “Stabilimento Florio” - (FAVIGNANA) - 2011

# “Stabilimento Florio” - Axonometric projection





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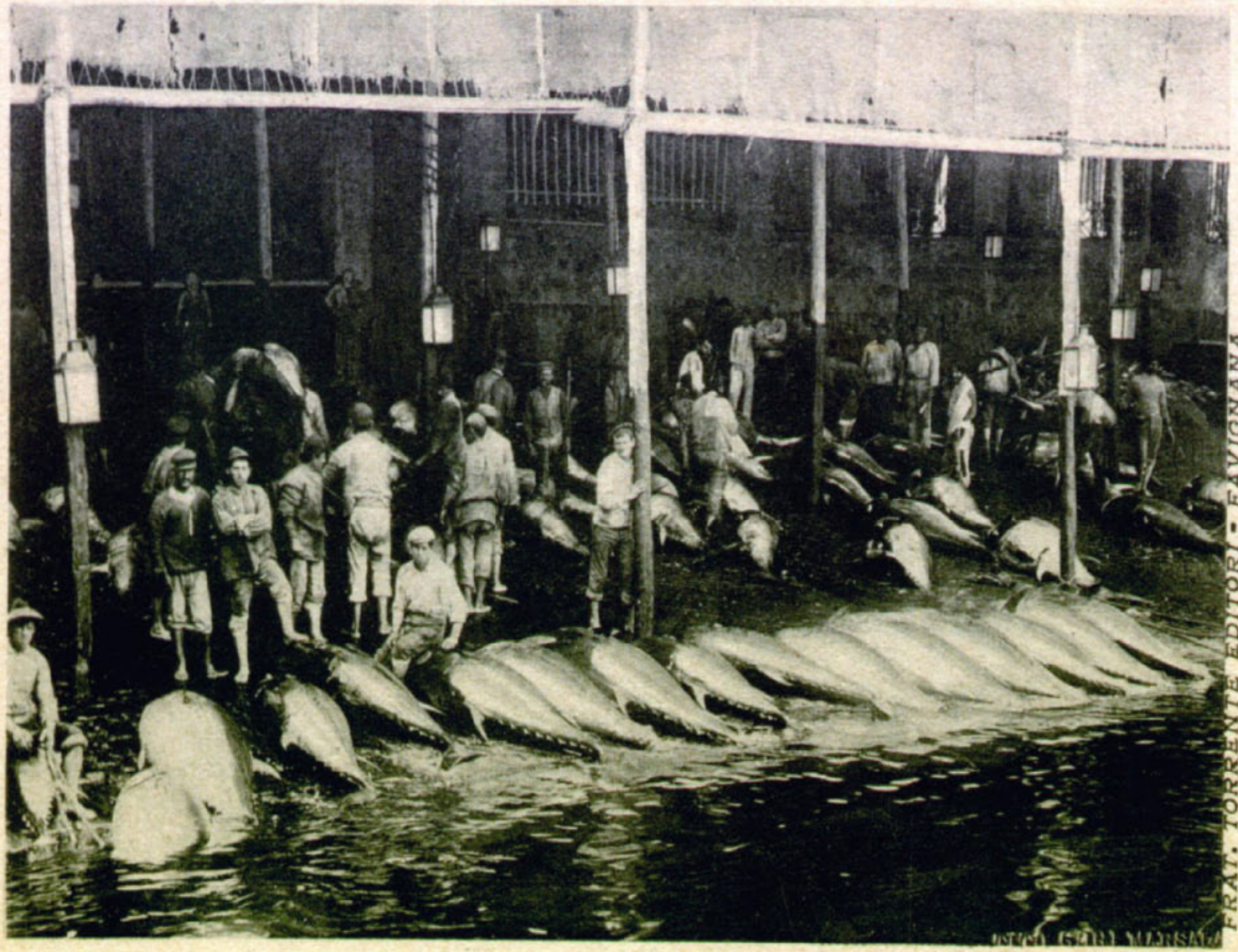


*I Tonni pronti per essere squartati (Mare Faraggio)*

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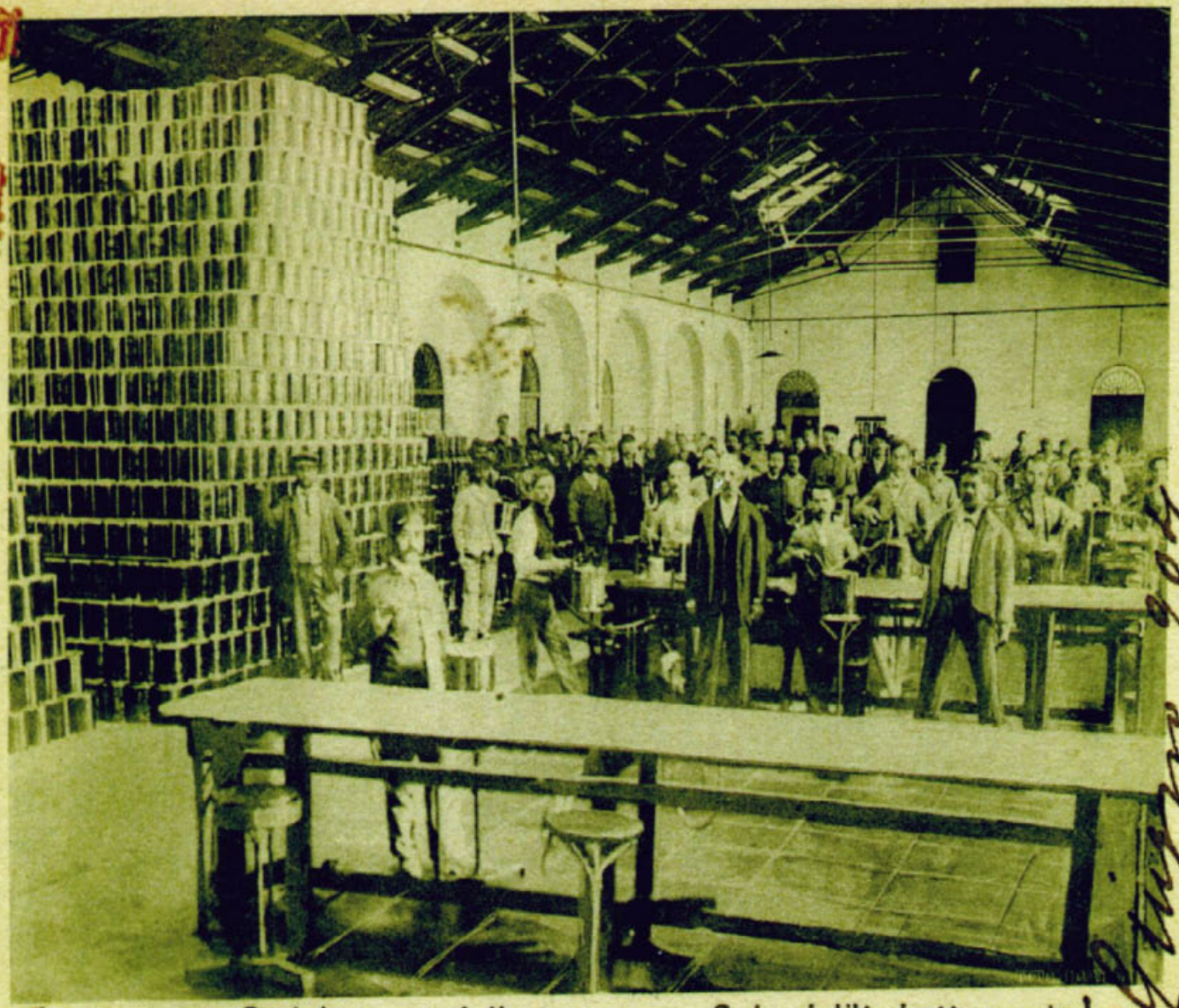
Mille abbracci
da Mattuzzello



Favignana - Stabilimento delle tonnare - Sala dell'imbottamento

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ISOLE EOLIE
Milazzo
MESSINA
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San Vito lo Capo
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# Egadi Islands

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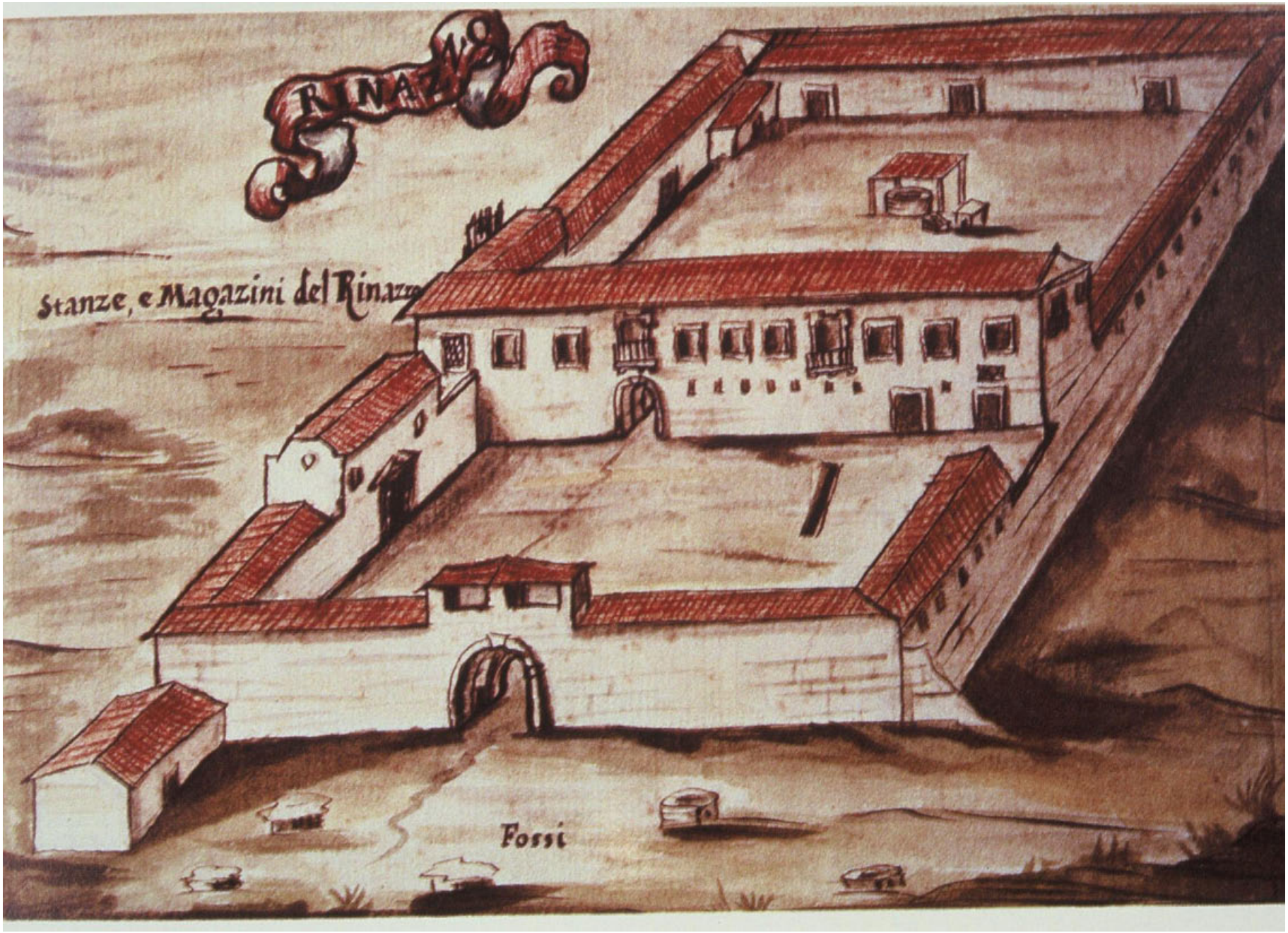
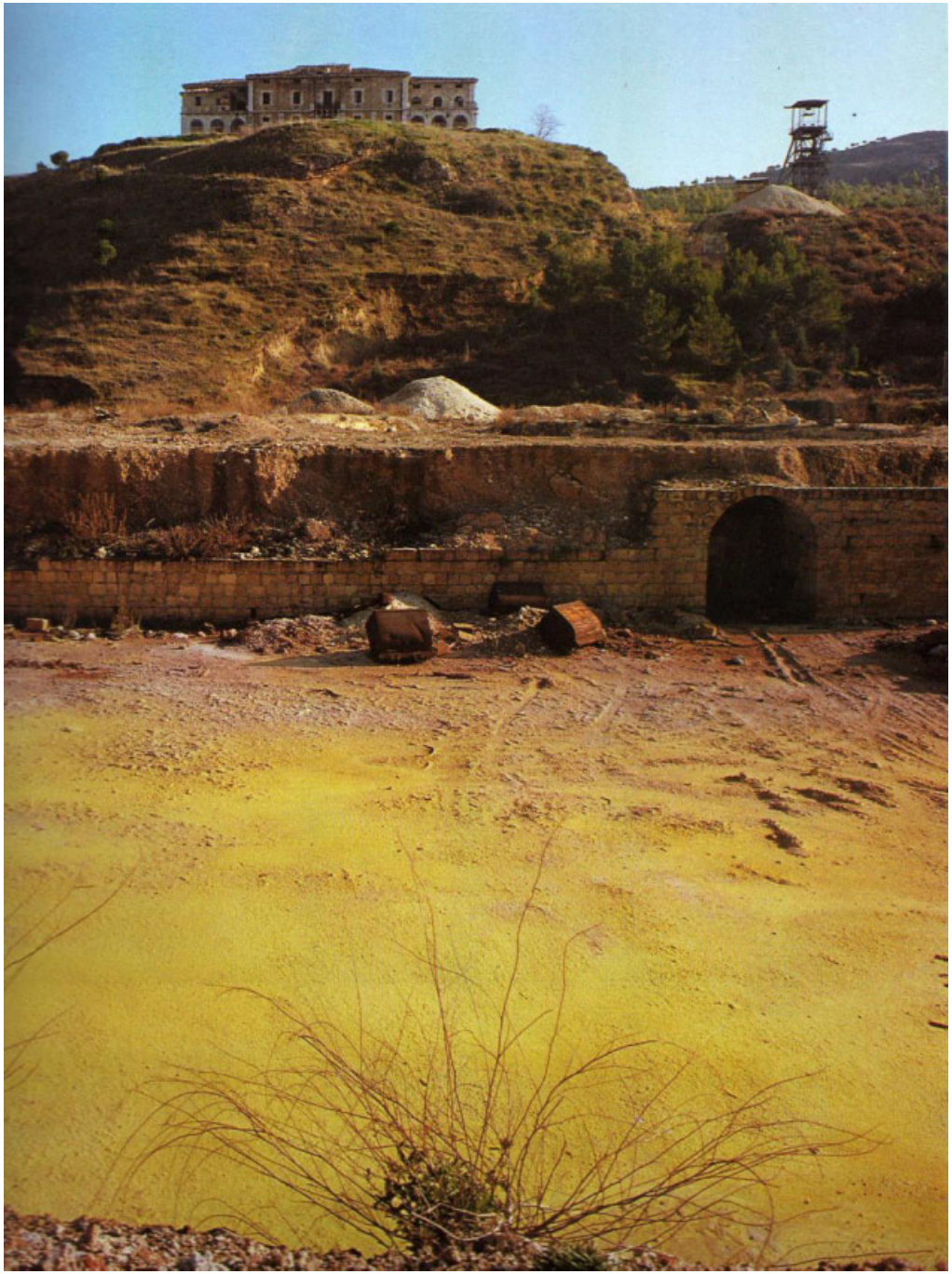

RINAZZO
Stanze, e Magazini del Rinazzo
Fossi

# Windmills of the Saltworks

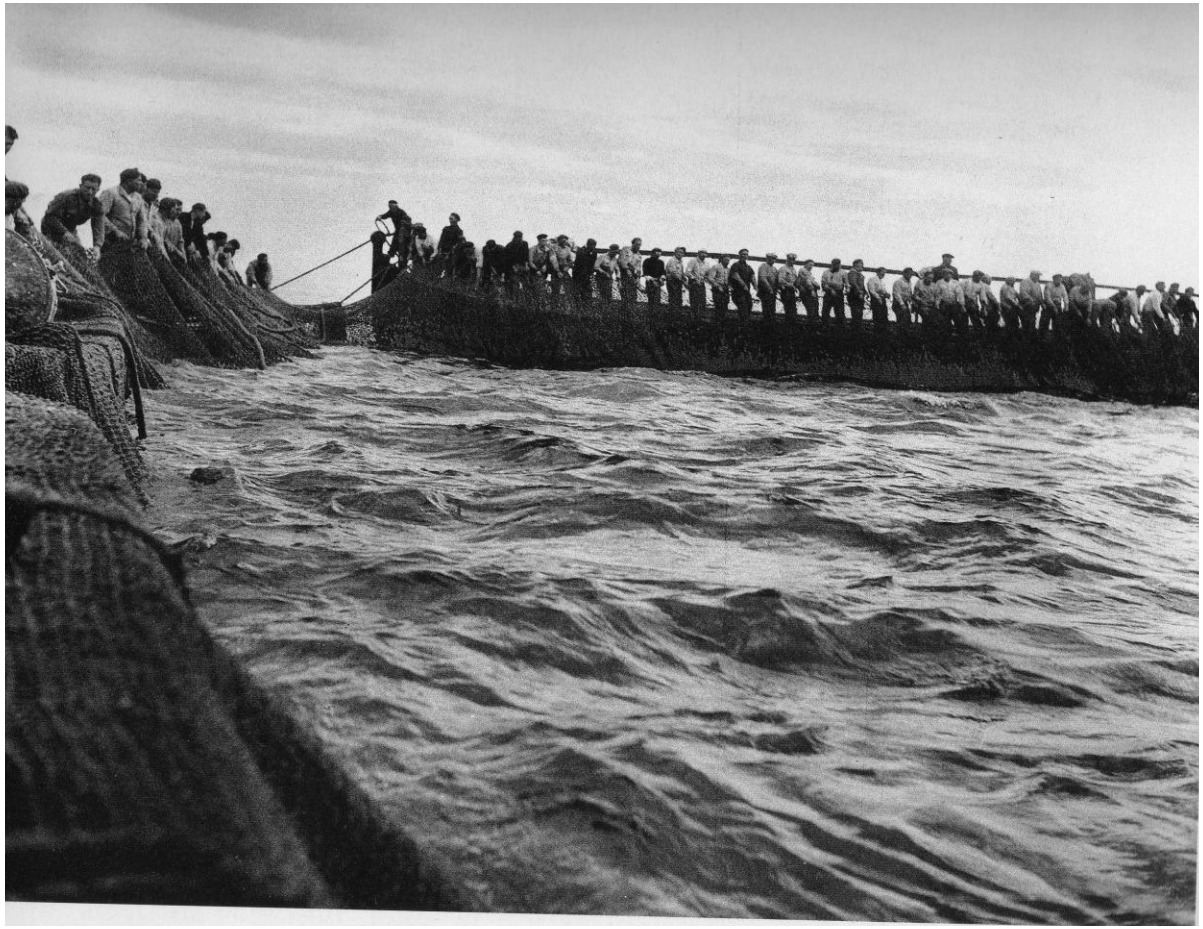
# (Province of TRAPANI)



**Sulphur Mine and administration Building**

**“Trabonella” (Province of CALTANISSETTA)**

# FAVIGNANA (1957)

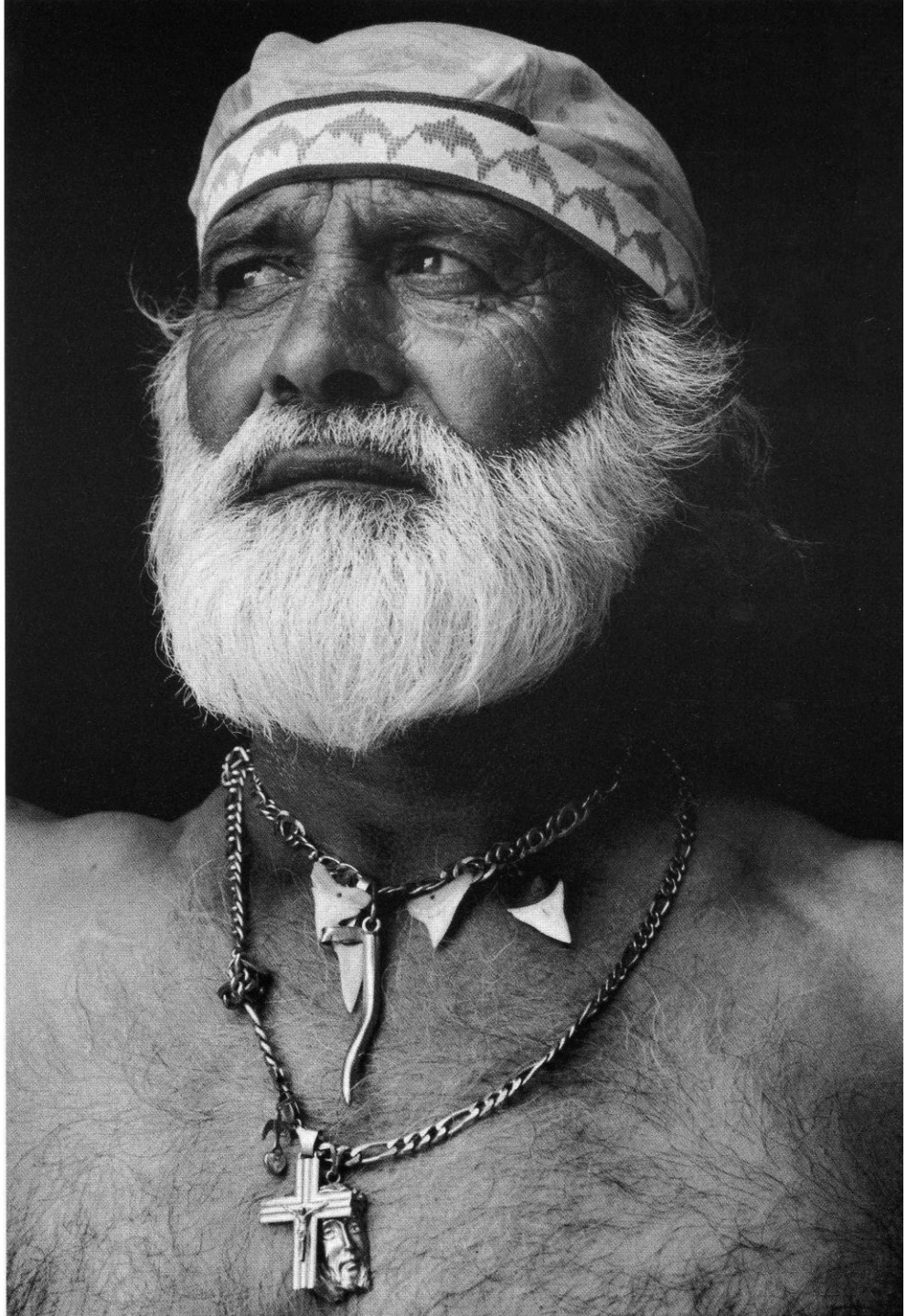


Hauling in the fishing nets

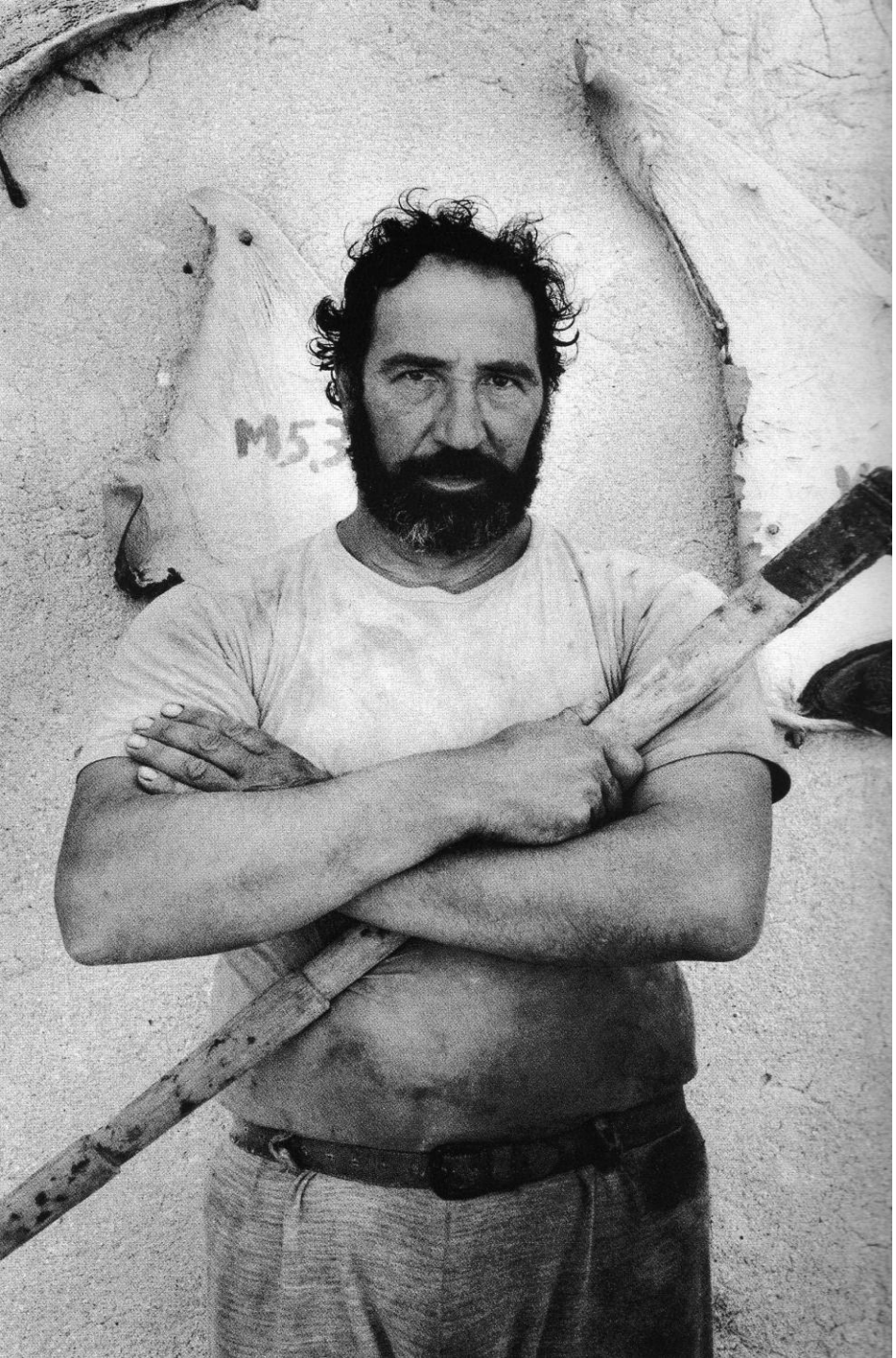
FAVIGNANA – “Mattanza”: Tunny killing

FAVIGNANA:
Salvatore Spataro

The “Raisi” (Chief of the Tunny Fishermen)



FAVIGNANA:
The tunny Fisherman
Benito Ventrone

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