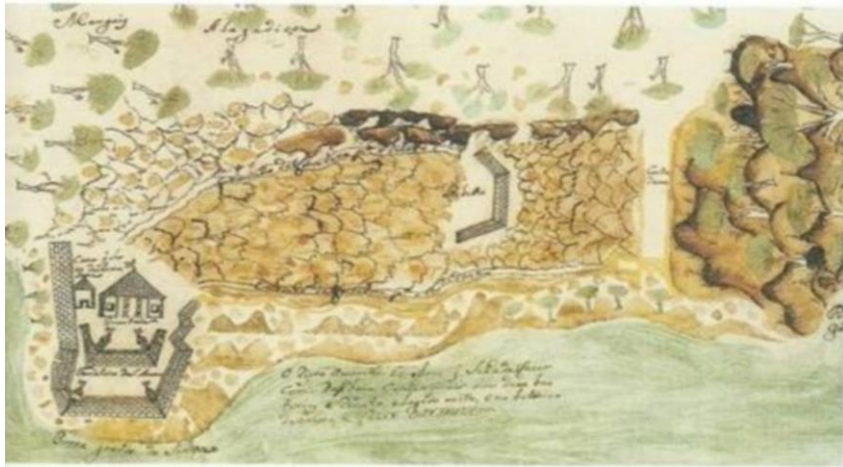




5_ COLONIAL DEFENSE SYSTEM OF THE PORT OF SANTOS

It all started with Martim Afonso determining the construction of a blockhouse with the “Barra da Bertioga”, the origin of the first royal fort in Brazil.

The Atlantic Forest region – which has its strategic focus in the Santos Bay – has eight samples of this rich historic-military legacy, built during almost five hundred years with the same pattern of the military engineering diffused all around the world.



From left to right: *Fortress Itapema*, *hill of Santa Catarina*, home of ammunition, *Fort N. S. Monte Serrat* and *Third Order of Carmo*. *Fortress Santo Amaro* (plant), Guarujá, SP. 1734. AHE/IPHAN,SP.