



Gravura "Regnum Brasiliae" com a localizao das Capitnias

8_ GROUND INCURSIONS

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"The possession of the discovered territories imposed, since the beginning, that the occupation and defense of the first places of strategic interest were assured with their population and fortification simultaneously, sometimes representing 'trading posts' which had to be 'self-sufficient' due to their isolation, in view of the long distances separating them, thus making proper mutual support unfeasible."

With the occupation and the structured coastal defense, the so called "Bandeirantes" moved through the backwoods and reached Brazil interior lowlands, which is the home of the world's three major ecosystems: the Cerrado, the Pantanal and the Amazon.

The expeditions, both those by sea as well as by land, were organized for the purpose of conquest and territorial occupation, in the 16th century and at the start of the 17th century. Gravura "Regnum Brasiliae" com localizao das Capitnias. CX/2-15 da Biblioteca de Evora, Portugal (FERREIRA, p. 101). With illustrations of the "bandeirantes" movement.