

Brief histories, photos, and maps of these nineteen fortifications can be found in the *DaCultura* magazines edited by FUNCEB (Brazilian Army Cultural Foundation):

www.funceb.org.br/revista.asp

For these and other historical reasons, nineteen colonial fortifications in Brazil were included on the UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) Tentative List in 2015 for the title of *World Heritage*:

The group of fortifications in Brazil presents itself as a unique material witness to a contact between different cultures of the Old and New World.

The structures that were built in order to assure the ownership and safety of new territories form a group that in no way resembles other systems of fortifications constructed elsewhere in the world during this same period, playing an important role in the territorial occupation of South America: www.cultura.gov.br.