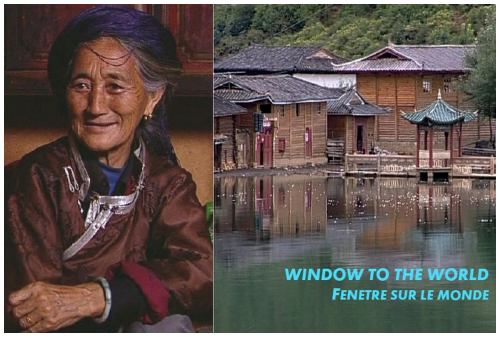


BIJAGOS ISLANDS: SHARKS OF THE ARCHIPELAGO

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80 km off the Guinean coast are the "Bijagos". A unique archipelago of 80 islands spreading out over an area of 10 000 square km. At the beginning of the dry season, dozens of fishermen from nearby Senegal and Guinea Conakry plough the seas around the archipelago for six months on their pirogues. They are catching. Over the years, they have specialised on catching sharks to sell on the markets of Dakar or Conakry. Out of superstition, the islanders do not eat sharks. The fishermen are the undisputed masters of the art and there is a great variety of sharks, from the dangerous tiger shark to a more harmless species. We follow the men on their traditional "hunting season"...

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