The goal of the Atlas of Dutch Brazil is to map the mutual cultural heritage of The Netherlands and Brazil.
The relationship between Brazil and The Netherlands has already lasted for more than 400 years. From the end of the 16th century the Dutch looked for trading possibilities along the coast of Brazil. Between 1630 and 1654 a colony was established in the northeast of Brazil, which was called New Holland. Even though historical and iconographical information remains about these early contacts, little is known about the built cultural heritage from this period.

Remains from the Dutch presence are expected in eleven Brazilian coastal states. A Brazilian-Dutch-Portuguese-Spanish cooperation has set up a project called the Atlas of Dutch Brazil with the objective of making an inventory of these sites. The priority will be to map all military defence works stemming from the Dutch period in Brazil, since these were essential constructions for the establishment and the protection of the colony.

Historical research in Brazil, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain will be followed by archaeological surveys in Brazil. In the future the project will be enlarged to include commercial or civil objects and shipwrecks. All data will be collated and transposed onto an interactive website and a publication.
The ‘Atlas of Dutch Brazil’ project, begun in 2007, aims to focus attention on the mutual cultural heritage between The Netherlands and Brazil and thereby effect their permanent protection and conservation by means of the following objectives:

1. **Interactive website** [www.atlasofdutchbrazil.org](http://www.atlasofdutchbrazil.org).
   The results of the Atlas of Dutch Brazil project, concerning the shared history of The Netherlands and Brazil, are presented to the public worldwide on this Internet site.

2. **Landmarks/ Plaquettes**. Small commemorative/information panels will be erected at each of the former sites, describing their historical importance.
3. Mobile Information Centre. This is a large van that can be driven to any desired location. In the van there is a complete workshop for the processing of archaeological and historical data. This also includes showcases with artifacts, information panels, brochures, computer and video images designed to inform and stimulate (local) public interest in archaeological research and the mutual cultural heritage in Brazil.

4. Exhibitions. The first exhibition, entitled The Dutch Forts in the Brazilian State of Paraíba was organized in the 'Nederlands Vestingmuseum' in Naarden in the autumn of 2007. Others will follow.

5. Publication. Articles and reports will be written about the results. The final results of the Atlas of Dutch Brazil will be published in book form.

6. Documentaries. A documentary about the project is planned.

7. Presentations. Presentations about the results will be given at conferences.

8. Events. Throughout the project small events will be organized.
TIME SCHEDULE

Before 2014
- Start of the project in the States of Paraíba
- Start of the website www.atlasofdutchbrazil.org
- Exhibition in the ‘Nederlands Vestingmuseum’ about the Atlas of Dutch Brazil

2014
- Project in the State of Pernambuco (Itamaracá, Recife/Olinda, Fernando de Noronha and the rest of the state)

2015
- Project in the States of Maranhão, Pará/Amapá, Ceará and Rio Grande do Norte

2016
- Project in the States of Alagoas/Sergipe, Bahia and the rest of the states (Espírito Santo, Rio de Janeiro etc.)
- Retrospective and conclusion of the project
- Installation Mobile Information Centre
- Installation landmarks and plaquettes on historical sites in Brazil
- Presentation final publication
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Output
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* the promotion of scientific research into, and the preservation of, Dutch cultural heritage overseas. This heritage includes objects with a military, commercial or civil background as well as archive material
* the advancement of a better understanding of the mutual influence, past and present, between The Netherlands and overseas regions

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