

Visionary Lands, Maps and Islands

Visionary Lands, Maps, and Islands examines the transformations taking place in the mind as we anticipate the outcome of migration. The hope of a better future is a powerful concept that can grip the human spirit with great intensity. As we wait for the physical journey to begin, the mind devises compelling fictional worlds, that are replete with desires and aspirations.

While working on this theme, I considered that in the imagination of the migrant, the environment may start to reflect artefacts of these desires, as when we visualise forms of people, plants, countries etc., in patterns such as water stains, clouds, or mist on a window. I came across patterns of moss on a jetty near the sea, which, to me, appeared to conceal mysterious mappings. I appropriated these naturally occurring patterns, transfiguring them into an imaginary map, in order to illustrate how our subconscious is liable to interpret the things we observe as a manifestation of an idea we are already ruminating on.