

K225_WATERFRONT PROMENADE, VLORA

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MASTERPLAN, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION NEW WATERFRONT

This design proposal consists in a first phase of the logical extension of the existing boardwalk and broadening of the typical vegetation of Vlora. Extending the trees of Soda Woods over the full 5 km long coastline not only creates a harmonious whole, but also a unique and specific identity for the coastal town, typical of Albania's Mediterranean landscape. The 'Aleppo Pine', a pine native to the Mediterranean region, has a thin stem and a broad but flattened crown, thereby preserving the view onto the sea at all times and offering shade for all kinds of activities underneath the trees (sunbathing, sports, parking ...). In a later stage, certain areas can be tackled in a more focused way, for example through the creation of new white beach areas, sports grounds, swimming areas and water parks, a pier and a marina, new hotels, a floating island, ... This design proposal is open to interpretation and extremely flexible in sequencing and implementation: an instrument of urban intervention in the urban coastal area of Albania, in order to serve as a model.



Aerial location map

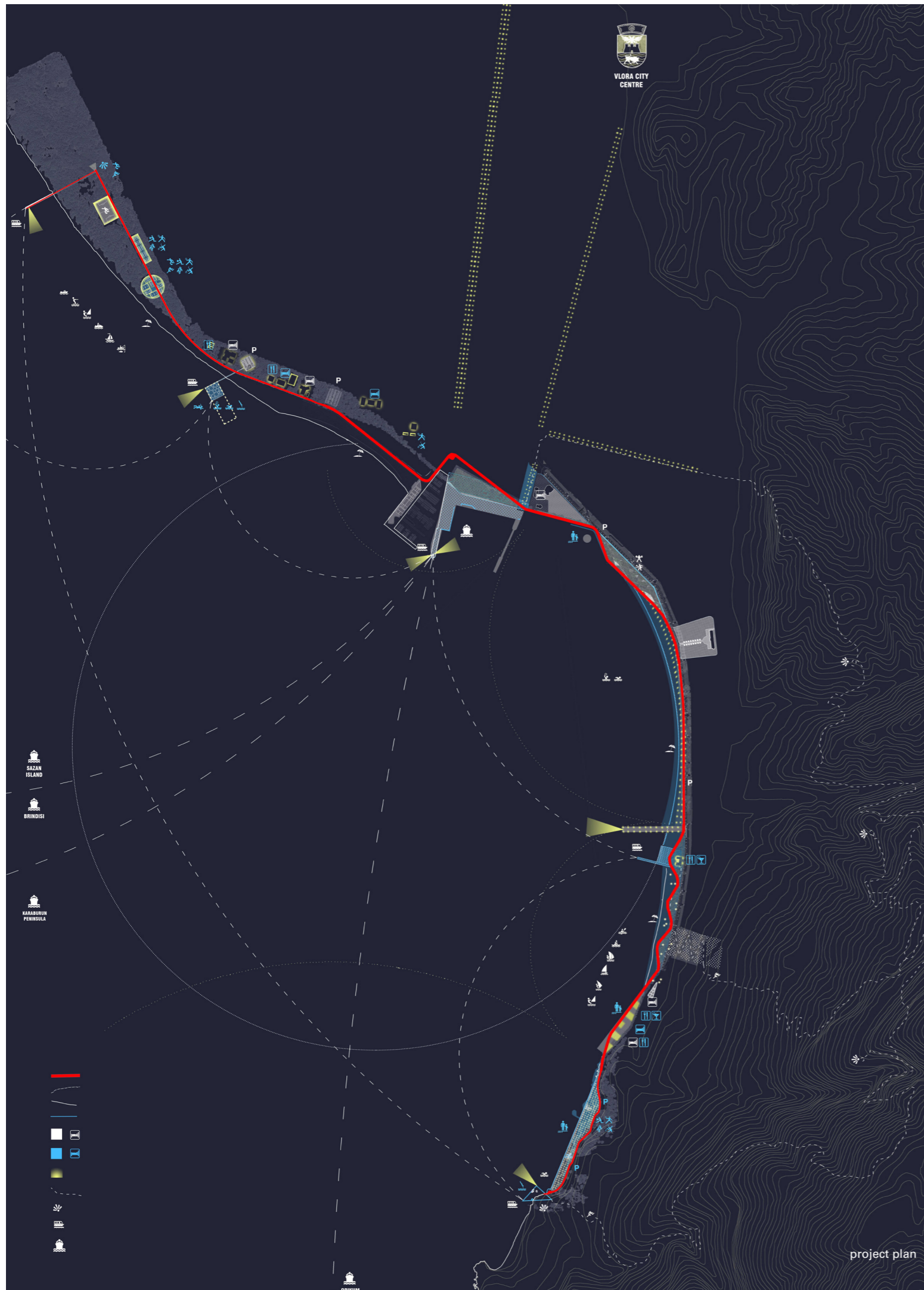
city	Vlora, Albania
client	Albania Development Fund, Atelier Albania
program	Waterfront and public spaces
procedure	competition, 1st prize
total floor area	536 046m ²



photo prior to the intervention



photo subsequent to the intervention



project plan



aerial view of the sports fields along the waterfront