turned into city

This project and its transforming attitude integrate and recuperate a big privileged area for the city and its citizens. Originally, this land did not exist; it was just a sandy area at the bay of Santander. It appeared as a consequence of the Port expansion into the sea, when industrial and fishing uses took place in the area. Then, a very dense neighborhood, without green public spaces, grew around. In the 90’s, the Old Fishing Market and other auxiliary buildings were demolished, and the extension started to be used as a parking. Finally, in 2013, the Port Authority and the City had reached an agreement on transforming and integrating the area into the city. Moreover, the new uses had to coexist with the ones existing on the decks: to the west with fishing boats still operating, and to the east with recreational boats.

performing the past

In this project, architecture performs as a social instrument to preserve and reveals the natural origin of the place. Thinking of the past is the way the project considers to revalorize the estuaries. That is why it recreates a sandy area. Before the intervention, this area was out of context and degraded. To use and beautify, but now, it is changing and improving neighborhood lifestyle.