

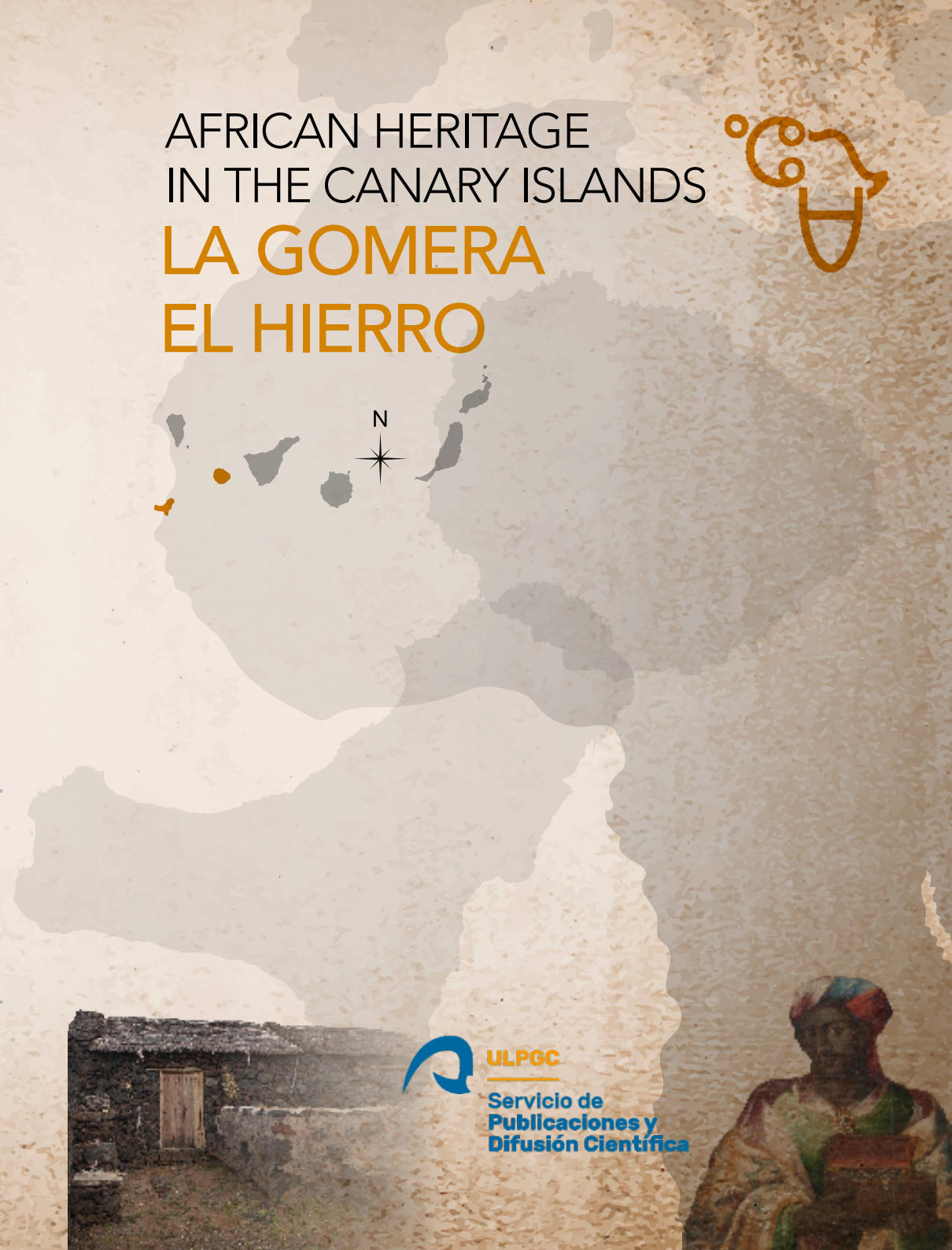
Since the Castilian conquest, the islands have maintained fluid and regular relations with Africa. Exchanges have been constant throughout history; slavery, privateering and colonialism have been part of this link. The archipelago has become one of the main African gateways to the European Union and a place of settlement for people.

Representations of Africans, fortresses that were distinguished in the Barbary corsair attacks, material from the colonies, African masks and art, Canarian representations of Africa, documentation and audiovisual centres, cartographic records about the continent, all form part of the Africa-related material located in the islands, to such an extent that we can affirm that it is the richest community in Spain concerning this type of elements.

In La Gomera and El Hierro, the heritage related to this continent allows the creation of a thematic route: in La Gomera San Sebastián, Playa Santiago, Valle Gran Rey, Tamargada and La Dama; and in El Hierro Our Lady of the Kings, Guinea's settlement and Valverde. Among the must-see treasures we highlight the Adoration of the Magi in Our Lady of the Assumption's Church in San Sebastián and the Adoration of the Holy Kings in Valle Gran Rey, historical documentation in the Archivo General Insular de La Gomera (General Island Archive of La Gomera), the statues of Our Lady of Charity of Cobre in Tamargada and of St. Martin de Porres in La Dama. In El Hierro, the Balthazar's statue of the Hermitage of Our Lady of the Kings and Guinea's settlement stand out.

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LA GOMERA EL HIERRO



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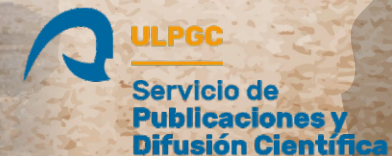


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St. Martin de Porres



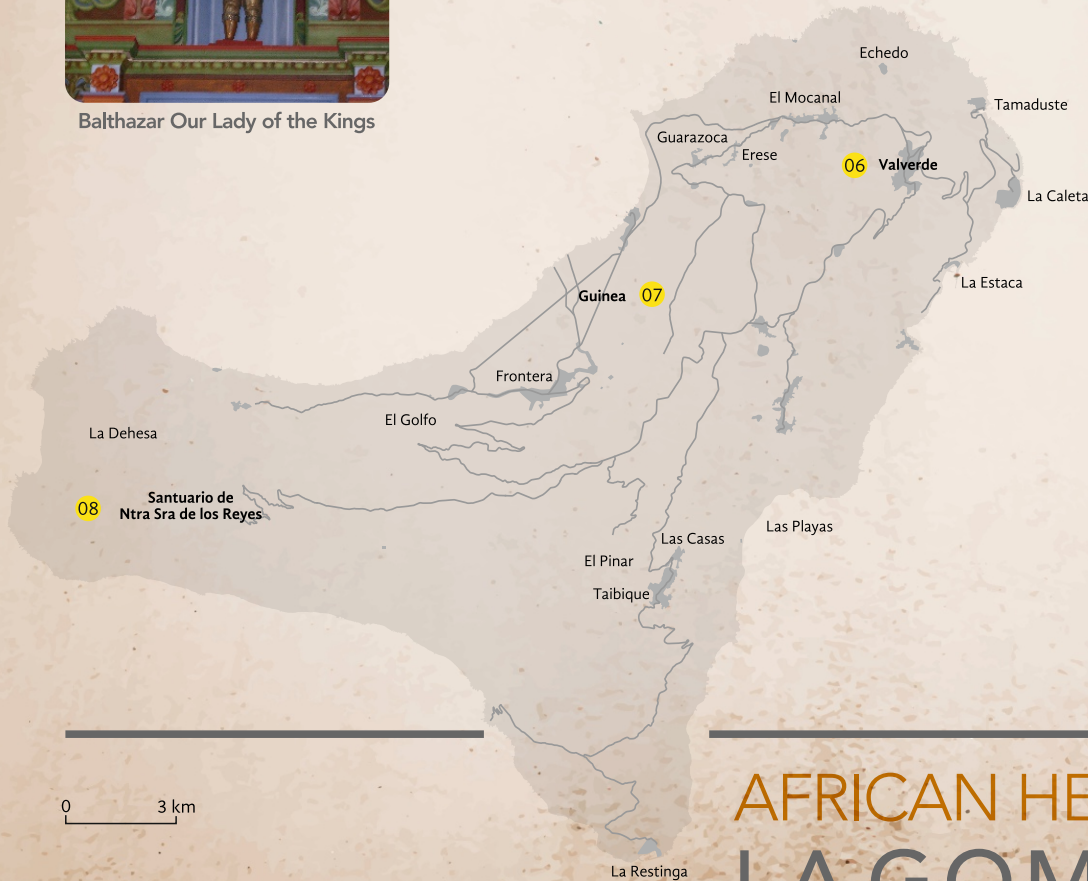
Settlement of Guinea



Balthazar Our Lady of the Kings



Adoration of the Magi



Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre



Adoration of the Magi



St. Martin de Porres



Banner of St. James the Moor-slayer

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