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La palme dort, le palmier meurt.
The palm sleeps, the palm tree dies



I had the privilege of being confined in a beach house in Brazil. I thus became a spectator of this health crisis, but also of an even more fatal environmental crisis, linked to global warming. The latter appeared to me daily by the disappearance of my beach, by the slow decline of this coastal strip of immense diversity. Man arms the sea against the land; it contributes to this rise of the water. This coast line, this strange foreshore, this last frontier advances inexorably. Every week, sometimes every day, I discovered on our beach one or more palm trees passed from life to death. I witnessed the slow death of these vibrant totems which, few hours ago, had dusted the overseas skies with the winds. A tree stopped in its natural rush towards the zenith, the air and the sun. A tree that goes from a lively and noisy verticality to a silent and mortuary horizontality, after a slow uprooting. How can't we see a metaphor of our human condition! For a few months, I photographed my confined horizon, a thin strip of sand a few kilometers long, bounded by two estuaries and a palm grove. This marine cemetery with open sky, land and sea. The last encounter between nature and its elements.

I opted for a search for balance and geometric rigor in sketched images. I like to take care of my compositions, "to architect" the image. Nothing should be superfluous; everything must be uncluttered to give a minimalist look. The image must thus be confined to the abstraction, to the timeless. I love the emptiness of spaces, the feeling of loneliness and sweet latency, which make the invisible visible.

I am a surveyor, a moving photographer. I work with a fixed focal length digital camera, a wide-angle lens to immerse myself in the landscape, or highlight a foreground, without a photographic stand, to gain spontaneity, as well as with a drone in vertical view to approach the third dimension of these scenes.

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