



Tajogaite/Split Mountain

On September 19, 2021, the crater opened with fire and a deafening roar...

We had arrived here two weeks earlier, on this wondrous island in the Atlantic:

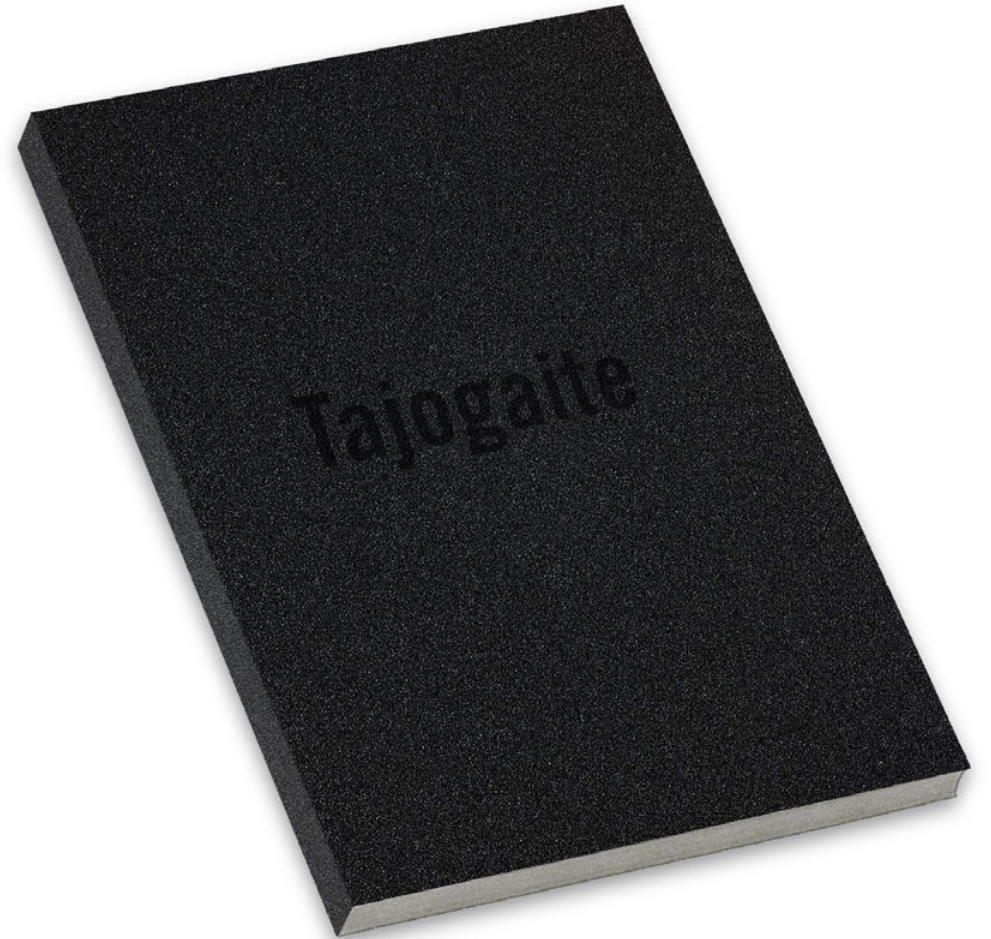
La Palma. And we were quite surprised. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, a long stay abroad in Germany, a country with compulsory schooling, suddenly became easily possible...The eruption lasted until December 13 and, according to the land registry, destroyed more than 1,600 buildings, more than 70 kilometers of roads, and 370 hectares of banana plantations.

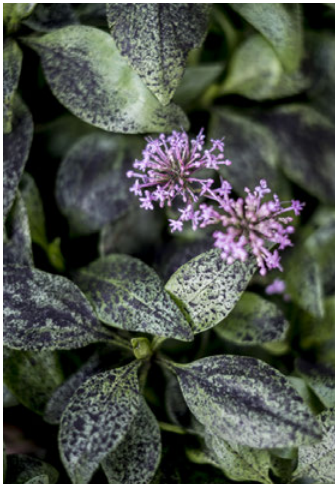
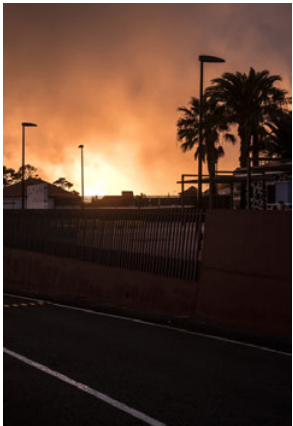
Today, life on the small island seems to be back to „normal.“ The island is largely functioning, new roads cross the cooled lava flow, most of the insurance money has been paid out, and the tragedy has apparently been overcome. The island's economic output is greater than ever, and the flow of tourists continues unabated...

In the fall of 2025, the Tajogaite Conference was held in Los Llanos, where the event was discussed scientifically from ecological, economic, sociological, geological, and botanical perspectives. International experts discussed the island's future. It was amidst this conference that the idea for the large-scale photobook project Tajogaite/Split Mountain was born.

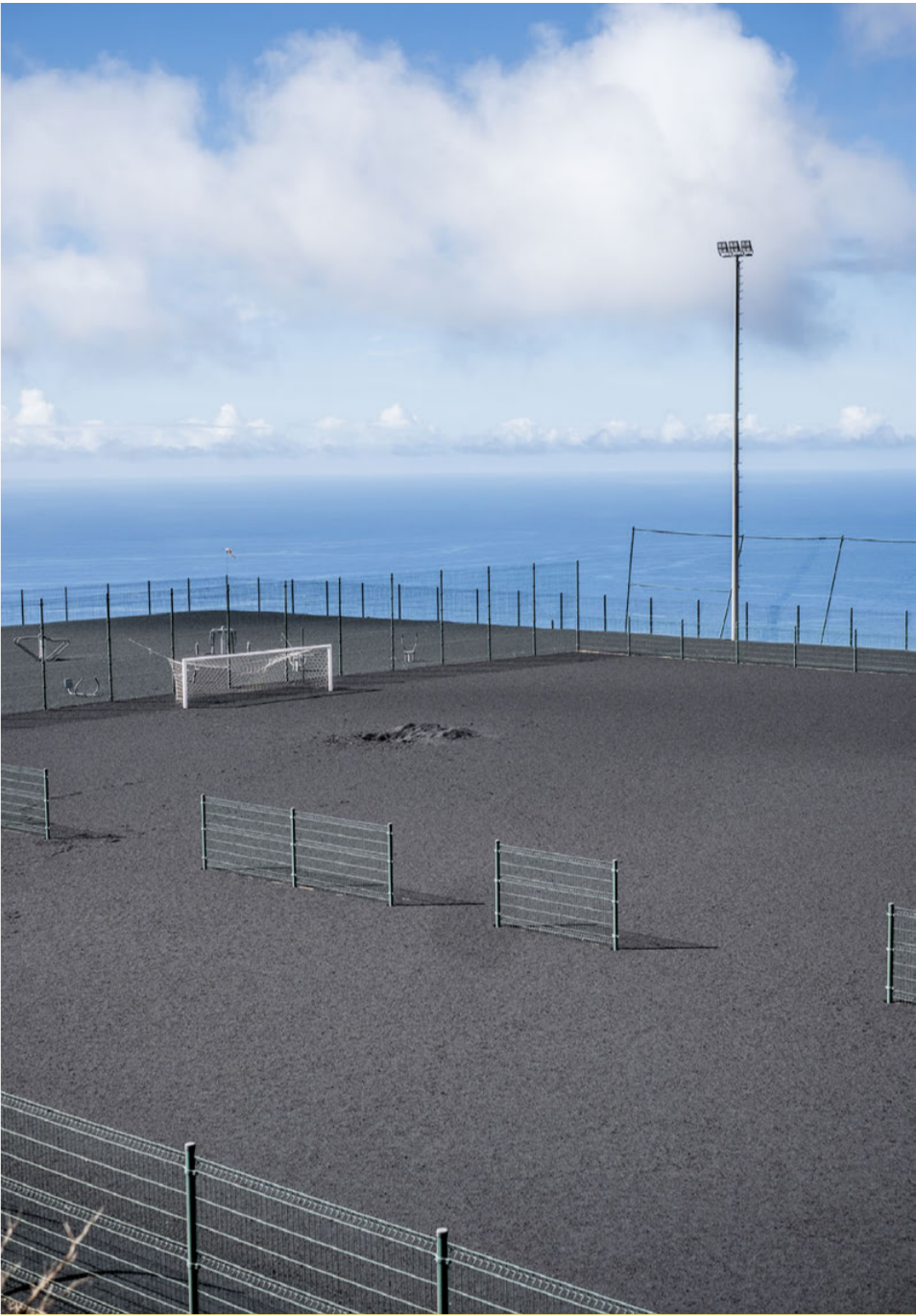
The book is more than a documentary: it is a personal, emotional, multi-thematic work. Scientists are followed in their work, and locals share their experiences during the eruption. High-quality, expressive images, generous photo spreads, scientific texts, and sophisticated design create a vivid narrative. The participating scientists are portrayed, highlighting their areas of expertise and passion – their stories and insights enrich the project, while the sophisticated, surreal aesthetic of a volcanic eruption speaks for itself.

The plan is for a beautifully designed hardcover book (approx. 280 pages) with a unique tactile experience: a black sandpaper cover symbolizing the rough volcanic rock, allowing readers to literally feel nature. It will be published in 2027 by the well-known art book publisher Kehrre Verlag.





























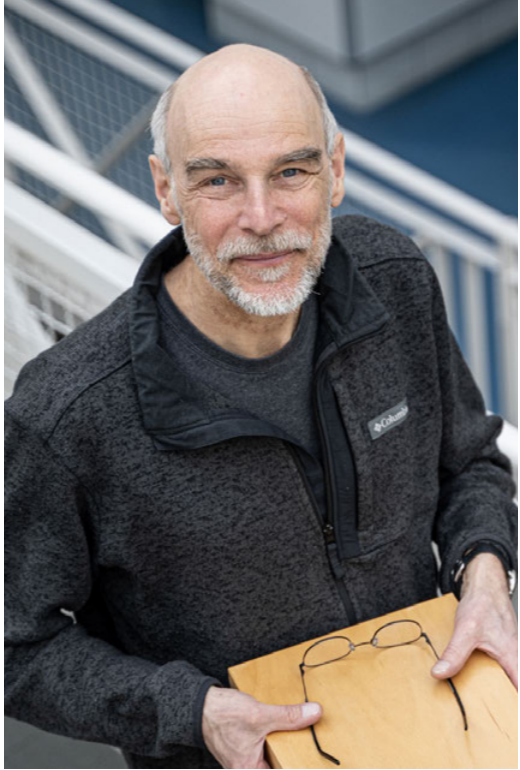




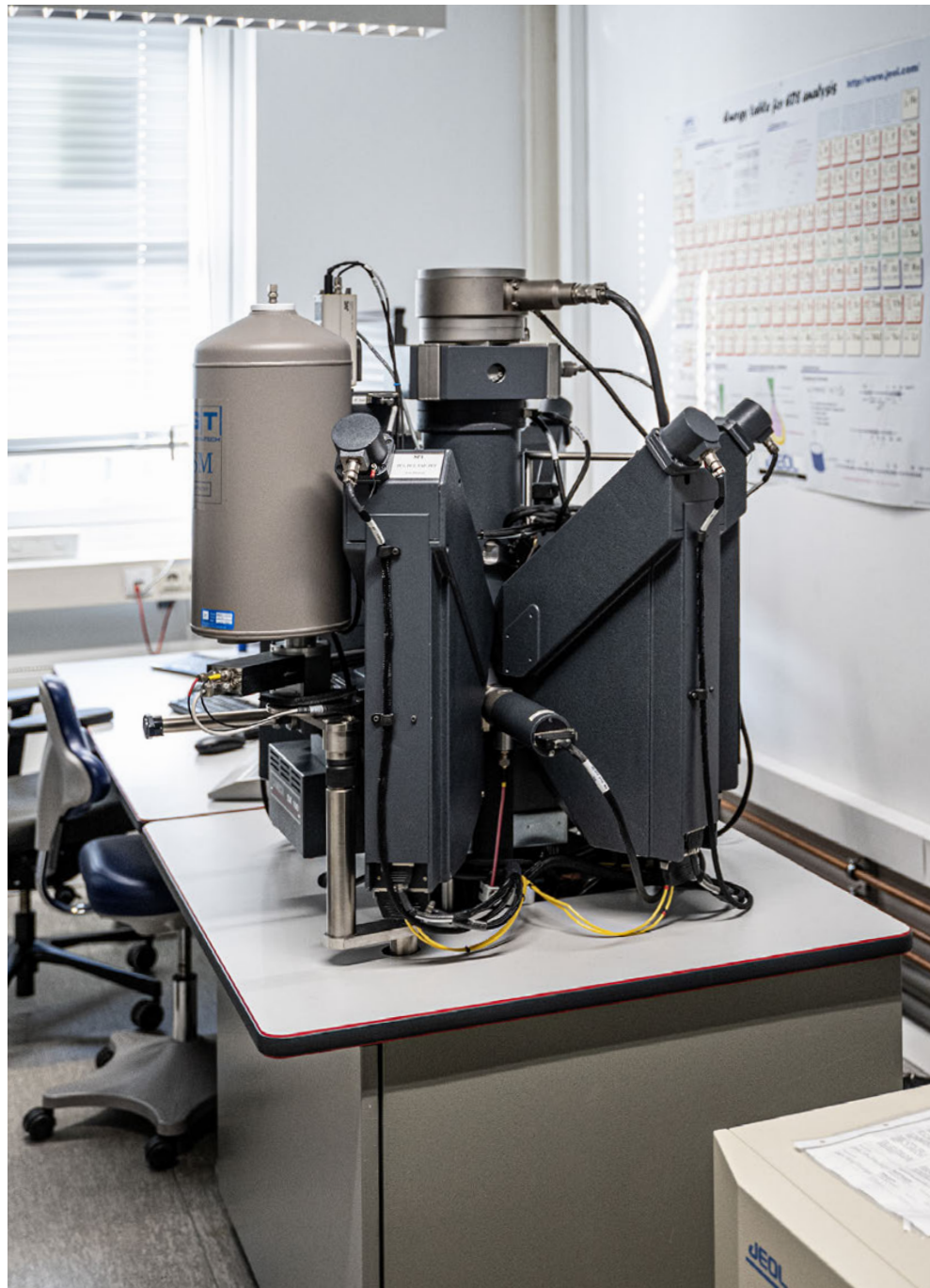






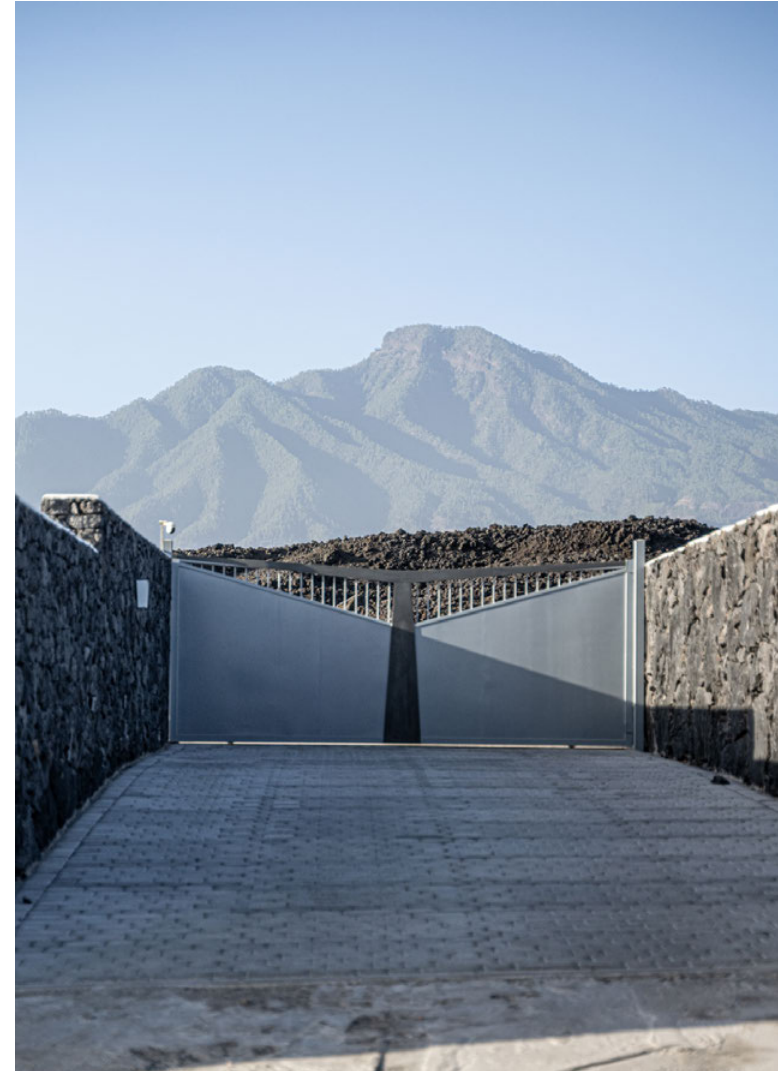














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