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relationship. Using Ingold's concept of meshwork this paper sketches these relations between surfing, senses and identity in order to understand the how we journey to where and why. Findings from case studies are presented to further evidence a process of reclamation that is underway to understand surfing as a boundary-crossing, feminine, sensual and reciprocal experience. The case studies show how surfing is fostering new relationships with women the sea and society in both Papua New Guinea and Iran.

This paper challenges the absence, or misrepresentation, of the feminine and lack of open dialogue on gender, sex and identity within historical and contemporary travel and adventure literature and mainstream surf and adventure culture. Furthermore, it contributes to how we might engage a more critical self-reflective practice that allows for a deepening of our understanding of positionality on, in and between borderlands, and how we consider the body (and senses) in knowledge production.

## **The wasp, the cave and the lamppost**

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