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Imperial Integration on Rome's Atlantic Rim

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This paper investigates the Atlantic rim of the Roman world. This macroregion, a sort of ecological "frontier," has been almost wholly ignored in studies of the Roman empire as a political and economic system—unrecognized, it seems, as a coherent geographical unit of historical analysis. Though there is now a rapidly growing literature on Atlantic commerce during the Roman period, the relevant studies are technical and highly specialized. The scholarship on frontier zones, political economy, commercial networks, and provincial cultures and identities has been mostly blind to the Atlantic façade as such. This paper

examines the Roman Atlantic from these perspectives, arguing that imperial integration in this oceanic corridor shattered a preexisting Atlantic world that had been bounded and unified and reordered its constituent parts in the service of empire.

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