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## theCRADLE



THE CONCEPTUALIZATION OF SURFACE... grove



## Kafountine

**Notes On Site**  
KAFOUNTINE, SENEGAL  
Site Dimensions  
Gross Lot Area 60.0m x 80.0m  
Net Lot Area 480 sm  
FAR Floor Area Ration 1.0  
Lot Coverage (building) 70%  
Buildable Area 70% of 480 sm = 336 sm  
Open Space Requirement 30% of 480 sm = 144 sm  
Gross Building Area 336 sm  
Maximum Building Height 5 meters  
Maximum Building Floors 1 floors  
Site Temperature Range July 22-30 c / January 23 c  
Windiest Month November  
Average Humidity 67%  
Prevailing Winds (Maximum) Western ?  
Rainfall (Yearly Average) 1000 mm -1400 mm per year (dry season 8 months)  
Sun Angles (Summer/Winter) 79.48 summer/ 53.63 winter  
Local Environmental Catastrophes Extreme Heat / Floods  
Shadow Length 0.38m summer/ 1.88m winter  
Climate Sudano-Sahelian type  
Population 17,000 (2021 Kafountine)

## Diannah North Atlantic Ocean



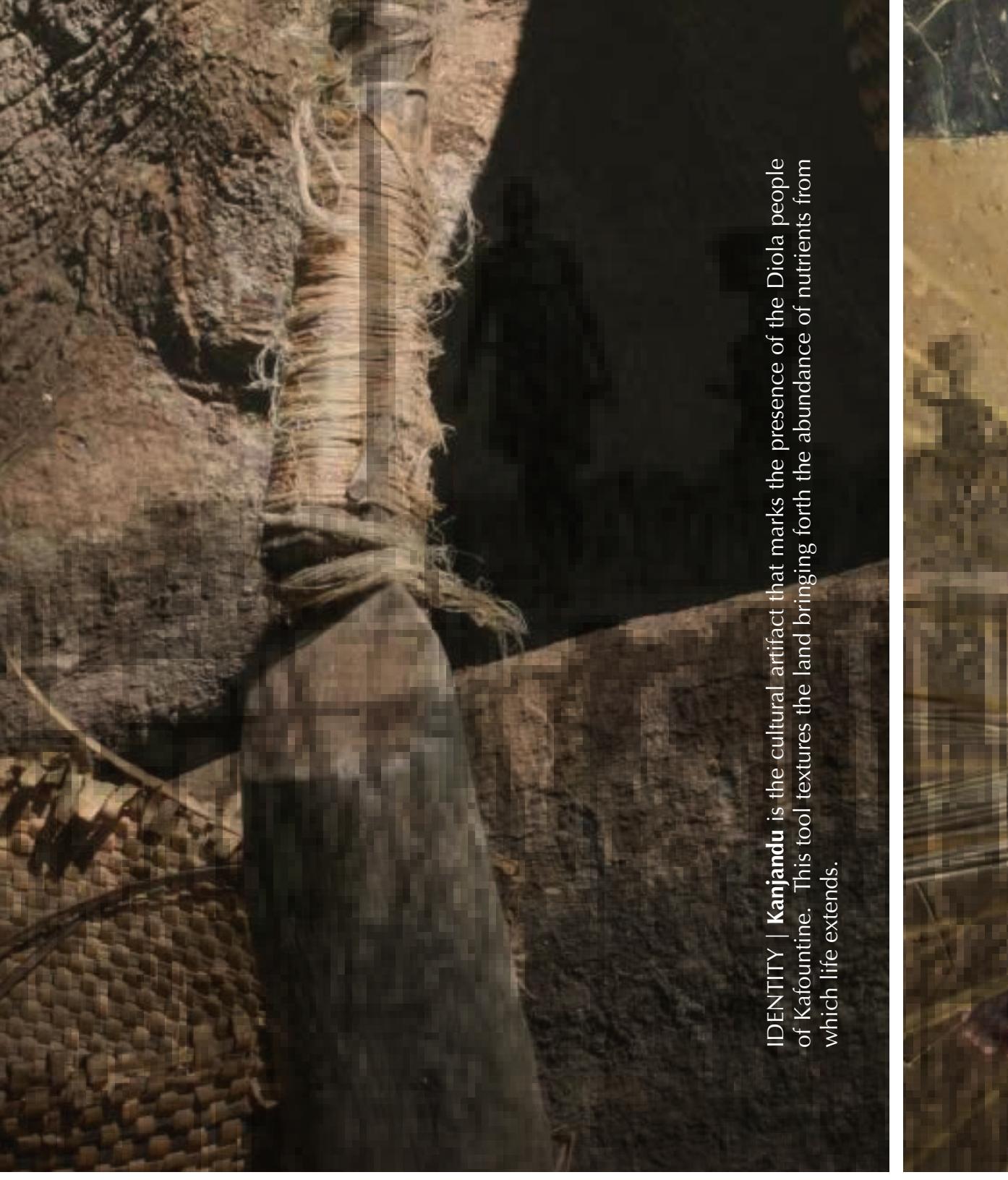
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**IDENTIFY | the GROVE** is a terrain of bodies rooted in the marsh. The essence of Casamance is a grove of earthen bodies. The collective of bodies becomes the terrain. The roots of this land and its Diola people form an interwoven tapestry of branches that embody the Baobao.



**IDENTITY | Kanjandu** is the cultural artifact that marks the presence of the Diola people of Kafountine. This tool textures the land bringing forth the abundance of nutrients from which life extends.



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**IDENTIFICATION | the CRADLE** is an ambient form that becomes of the native tones of Casamance. The emergent form as generated is a mélange of earthen forms radiating and radiating grassy voids within which to wander.



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TYPOLOGY | Potential Form. the **cradle** is a tapestry of radiating voids.



TYPOLOGY | Ideal Form. is a **medley** of angular compressed earthen forms.

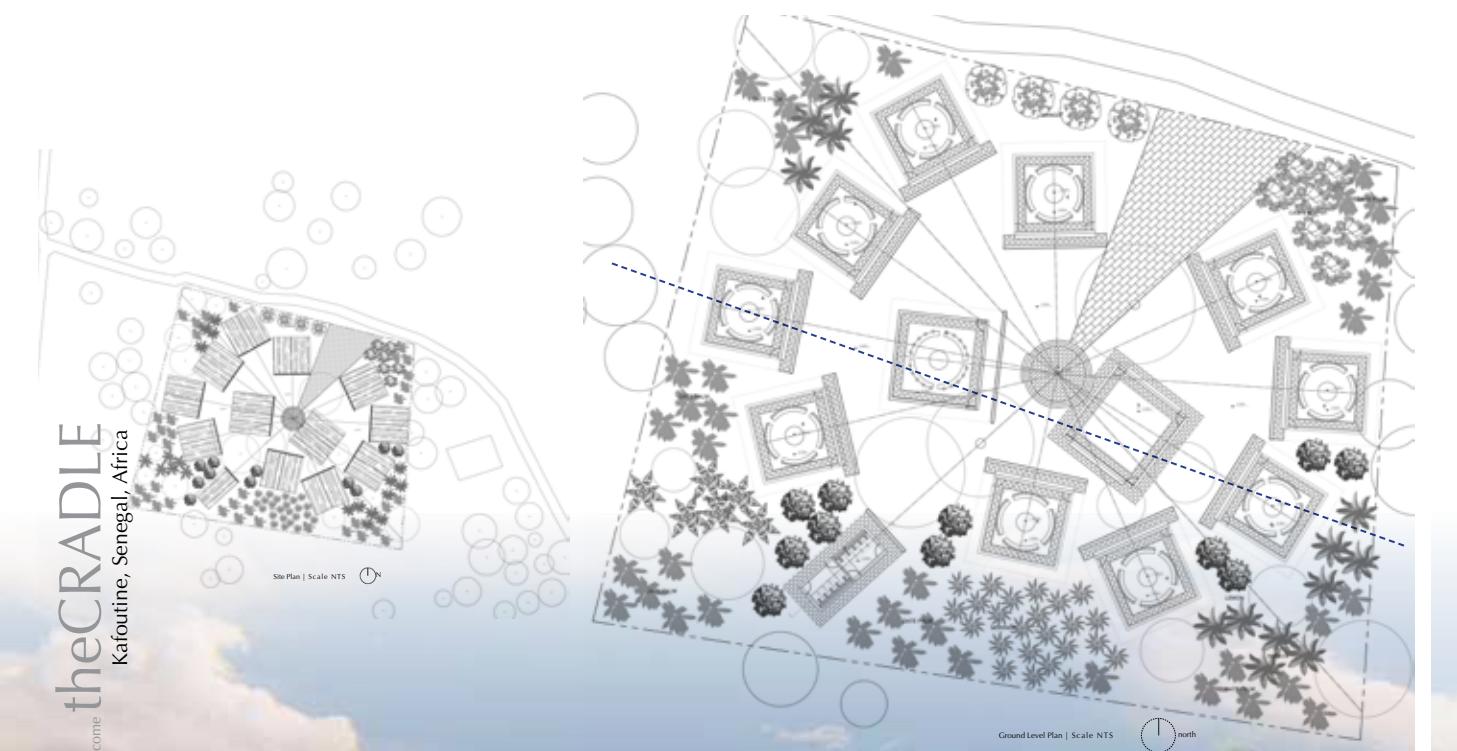


TYPOLOGY | Determined Form. is a centring of overlapping fibrous surfaces.

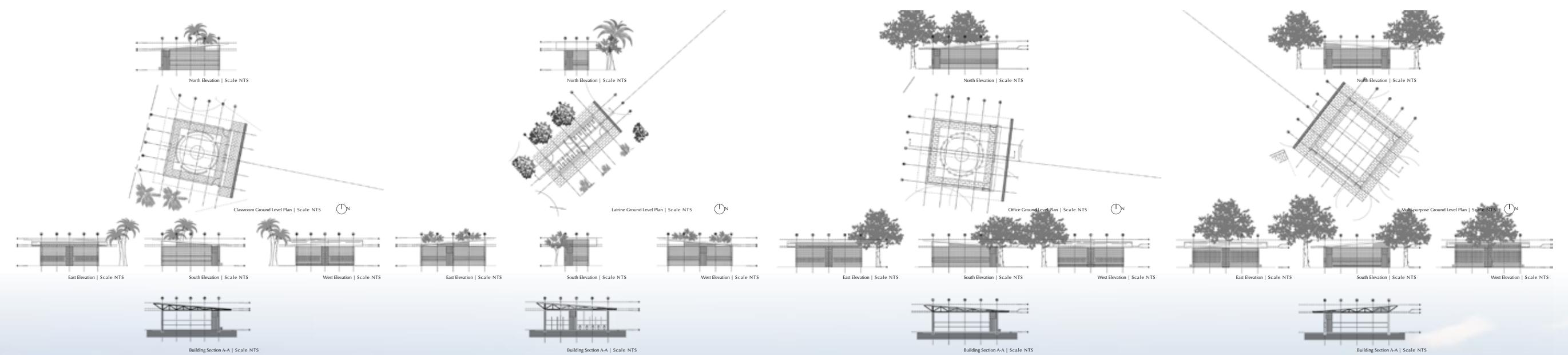
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textures | the essence of adobe.



textures | the essence of date palm thatch.



textures | the essence of light.

BUILT UP THATCH ROOF (VIRO INSTALLATION  
FROM PEAK @ ±400mm)  
40mm Ø WILLOW PEELED POLE BRACING  
(SEE STRUCTURAL)  
BAMBOO OPEN WEB ROOF JOIST (4500mm x  
80mm Ø POOLS @ 900mm SPAN  
250mm x 130mm x 300mm MUD BRICK BOND  
BEAM W/ STRAW FIBRE REINFORCEMENT

250mm x 130mm x 300mm MUD BRICK WALL  
BEYOND

250mm x 130mm x 300mm MUD BRICK WALL  
W/ STRAW FIBRE REINFORCEMENT  
COMPACTED EARTH W/ STAMPED  
CONTROL JOINTS

340 x 340mm x CONTINUOUS MUD BRICK  
FOOTING

UNDISTURBED EARTH





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AMBIENT FORM | melange of form. the trace of the essence...

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