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Hayabusa wrote:

On Thu, 29 Dec 2005 00:36:05 GMT, prd <X\_header@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Sardinia was  
settled 7000 BCE  
(by roughly 1000  
individuals).

Probably much longer ago than  
that. Molecular clocking  
papers from poor calibration,  
thing on the  
order of 10 to 14 kya.

Look, you cant't just ignore the  
archaeological evidence. There  
aren't any human traces older than 7000  
BCE, it's as simple as  
that.

See other post.

I did.

The representation of human occupation in the  
archaeological record outside of western europe is  
a rather low frequency event, if I have evidence  
for a constriction then it is probably that at some

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point in time the population, for whatever reason, was small enough to go undetected. I don't ignore the archaeological record, but I can statistically condition what is known with other observations.

It is not just evidence of human presence. After all, evidence of human absence is negative evidence, and that, in principle, could be anything. But in the case of the Mediterranean there is a bunch of evidence that leads to the conclusion that long-distance maritime activity was absent before 7000 BCE (note: not 7000 bp).

There is one human bonefragment that is now radiocarbon dated to the mid 8th mill. bc (Corbeddu Cave).

Evidence for deep-sea tuna fishing is from that time, and Cyprus was settled around the same time.

Cyprus was settled earlier, about 10000 BC.

In case of Cyprus we also have to consider that it was not the suddenly provable presence of humans, it was also the sudden absence of the indigenous mammalia such as dwarf elephants and dwarf rhinos. General conclusion: around 7000 BCE the maritime skills of humans around the Mediterranean became sufficiently reliable to cross long stretches of open sea.

About the same time the "proto-mediterraneans" of the Capsien culture also appear. They could have been the result of the same maritime migrations that came (from the east?) to Sardinia.

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I am not informed if such animals existed in Sardinia, but they did exist in Sicily. And no matter how deep you let MSL fall, Sardinia and Corsica were connected during LGM, but they were still a far-offshore island.

One estimate has 20 to 40 km distance (at 18000 bp).

The 7000 BCE age for the settlement of Sardinia, BTW, comes from a book by Cavalli-Sforza.

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