Continued Analysis of Fish Butchery Patterns from Buleji and Karachi, Pakistan

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Archaeological fish remains allow a direct means to reconstruct aquatic resource use by past human populations. This presentation will present aspects of fish processing and consumption in complex village and urban settings of modern, coastal Pakistan. Significant differences are present in fish butchery and consumption for local village use as opposed to fishes prepared in large market places for commercial distribution of dried and fresh fish. Fish species and butchery “style” differences in these various markets also have an ethnic and socio-economic component. The general, idealized models that will be presented can aid in the understanding and interpretation of fish resources in ancient, complex societies such as the Indus Valley Civilization.

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