

My Island, Your Island, Our Islands: Considerations for Island Archaeozoology as a Disciplinary Community

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Introduction

- Island-based zooarchaeology:
 - Geographical foci
 - Island *zooarchaeologies*

Introduction

- Proposal:
 - Communication
 - Dialogue
 - Collaboration
- A disciplinary community

Zooarchaeologies In Island Settings

- Subsistence and economy
- Anthropogenic impacts

Island Zooarchaeology As A Disciplinary Community

- Zooarchaeologies united by issues:
 - Theoretical
 - Methodological
 - Topical

Theoretical Concerns

- Island biogeography
- Irregular or inexplicit use
- Model:
 1. Explicit use of theory or interpretive frameworks
 2. Integration into holistic understanding of larger issues

Methodological Concerns

- Marine and small fauna
- Recovery issues
 - Screen size bias
- Analysis
 - Shell quantification issues

Themes

- Anthropogenic impacts
 - Applied zooarchaeology
- Colonization processes
 - Viability based on successful adaptation

Looking Ahead, Moving Forward

- Island zooarchaeology as a disciplinary community
 1. Fostering dialogue
 2. Promoting collaboration that transcends geographic boundaries

Future Directions

1. Conservation of sensitive coastal sites
2. Recording past, preserving present biodiversity
3. More explicit incorporation of theory
4. Appropriateness of:
 - Different interpretive frameworks
 - Different methodologies for quantification & analysis
5. Standardization in data documentation, analytic methods & reporting
6. Understanding human-island landscape relations

Approaches

- Peer review journal
- Edited volumes
- Special interest groups
- Multinational research projects
- Multilingual proficiency and publication
- Conference symposia

Benefits

- Exposure to diverse perspectives and approaches
- Standardization:
 - Reporting techniques
 - Analysis
 - Inter-site & inter-island comparisons
- Enhanced research methods and theoretical frameworks

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