



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The Piedmont Region Archaeological Project. Preliminary Results of the 2023-2024 survey in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq mountains.

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Abstract

For many years, archaeological research within the Piedmont region of the Zagros Foothills in northern Iraq has been set aside in favour of extensive surveys carried out in the vast Mesopotamian alluvial plains. This paper presents the preliminary results of the 2023-2024 survey seasons carried out under the umbrella of the Piedmont Region Archaeological Project (PiRAP) within a sector of the Zagros Foothills in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq at the border between the Dohuk and Ninawa provinces. With the purpose of filling a gap in the knowledge of the archaeological context of the region, the PiRAP project aims to study the settlement dynamics of the Piedmont region from a diachronic perspective. A specific methodology has been applied to achieve this goal, enabling the documentation of 340 archaeological sites dating from the Early Palaeolithic to the Ottoman period. The preliminary results of this work show not only a palimpsest landscape filled with different types of sites but also shed light on a completely new perspective on the settled landscape of this region.

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