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# Early Bronze Age subsistence in Armenia: a zooarchaeological approach

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## Abstract

As part of my PhD, this study explores the strategies used by Kura-Araxes (KA) communities (c. 3500-2500 BC, Early Bronze Age) in Armenia to secure supplies based on animal products. The research is based on the archaeozoological analysis of faunal assemblages from three ecozones -Ayrum-Teghut, Shresh-Mokhrablur and Karnut-Shengavit of the Armenian plateau-, defined by distinct ceramic traditions. It seeks to identify variations in dietary strategies and animal exploitation across KA cultural subgroups. By integrating traditional zooarchaeological techniques with morphological and metric analyses, the research also examines livestock size and shape variations, offering insights into husbandry practices and regional adaptations. This project addresses a substantial gap in KA studies by aiming to provide a comprehensive zooarchaeological perspective on the Armenian plateau, regarding subsistence practices and livestock management strategies within the Caucasian heartland of the Kura-Araxes culture during the Early Bronze Age.

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