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Rural Settlement Patterns and Rurality in the Bay of Iskenderun, Cilicia (Turkiye) during the Hellenistic through Late Roman Periods (ca. 330 BCE 630 CE)

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Abstract

The region of the Bay of Iskenderun, where the "Gates of Syria and Cilicia" meet in southeastern Cilicia, has historically served as an area of interaction between Mediterranean, Anatolian, and Levantine cultures and peoples. Between 2004–2009, the Bay of Iskenderun Landscape Archaeology Survey (BILAS) project documented 197 sites. These results were analyzed together with those of earlier, largely unpublished, surveys that add an additional 82 sites for a total of 279. The majority of these sites were rural, including agricultural or industrial installations, farmsteads, and villages. This paper explores rurality in this geographically and culturally dynamic and largely unknown region through a comparative study of rural settlements and installations that span nearly a millennium.

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