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Between the coast and the inland: settlements and contacts in the area of Koura

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Abstract

Recent investigations conducted by the joint Italian-Lebanese mission of the Northern Lebanon Project (NoLeP) have revealed the presence of numerous sites scattered along the coast and inland in the Koura region, with a notable concentration on mountain summits overlooking the sea, specifically in the Jebel Qalhat area. The chronology of these settlements suggests a prolonged period of occupation, beginning in the Early Bronze Age and continuing until the 1st millennium AD. Data from previous NoLeP archaeological investigations in the Koura plain indicate that the coastal and inland areas may have influenced each other's settlement patterns. This paper presents a preliminary interpretation of this relationship, exploring from a diachronic perspective the presence or absence of direct routes between the inland and the coast and highlighting their influence on the occupation of both coastal and interior regions from the Bronze Age through to medieval times.

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