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Tell Kamid El-Loz Rehabilitation Project: New Research On Communities And Waterscapes At Kamid El Loz/Kumidi And Its Region

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Abstract

The exceptional opportunity, generously offered by the Lebanese authorities, to re-launch an archaeological project at Kamid el Loz, through a rehabilitation programme funded by the Free University (Berlin) and the J.M. Kaplan Fund- Heritage Conservation Program through IIMAS in 2023, has provided the opportunity to rethink not only archaeological activities and research, but also environmental and geological studies, and mainly conservation of the site and dissemination involving the regional academic and local communities. The paper will present the state of the art of the site of Kamed el Loz while displaying the site's new conservation and revaluation project through the desirable interdisciplinary approach, based on best practices in architectural and archaeological conservation. The project also aims to reconstruct the role of water as an agent and privileged object in the changing settlement strategies and human impact over time. A programme of community archaeology also aims to build and support a local network of interests 'for' and 'around' the site, starting with the inclusion of the site and its immediate surroundings in a wider trail with a naturalistic and agro-ecotourism vocation.

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