



Prehistoric Artifact Scatter

Guam Historic Properties Inventory Site 66-08-2552

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The island of Guam has a rich history dating back millennia. Guam has seen thousands of years of ancestral Chamorro presence, and in the last five hundred years, Spanish, Filipino, Japanese, and American influences. In 2011 and 2012, archaeological investigations took place on Andersen Air Force Base as a part of plan to gather information prior to a construction project. The investigations focused on sites located within the area of potential disturbance of the construction project. Avoidance of historic properties is always the first choice of the military when there is a need for construction. When avoidance is not possible, the military then looks for ways to minimize the effects of the construction on historic properties. When the historic property cannot be avoided, data recovery in the form of research, exploratory testing, and excavation may be carried out.

At one archaeological site that had a small scatter of prehistoric artifacts on the surface, archaeologists mapped the artifacts, took photographs of the general site area, and excavated shovel tests across the site. Shovel tests are small exploratory holes excavated to search for artifacts or other cultural deposits below the ground surface. In this case, no artifacts were found in the shovel test pits; artifacts were found only on the surface.

The archaeologists collected five prehistoric pottery fragments or "sherds" from the surface of the site. The sherds date to the Latte Period. The Latte Period began around AD 900 and lasted into the Spanish Era, around AD 1500-1700. The term "Latte Period" comes from the name of the stone pillar with a bowl-shaped capstone used by the early people of the Mariana Islands to support and elevate their buildings. However, this artifact scatter did not have any structures.

Archaeologists typically categorize pottery by decoration, shape, the type of clay used. The Latte Period pottery sherds collected from this prehistoric artifact scatter are made of local Guam clay. The pottery sherds do not have any decoration, but the shape of their rims is thick and curve inward. During the Latte Period, this type of vessel could have been used for boiling foods. Archaeologists concluded from their investigations that the site probably represents one episode of Latte Period people passing through the area.

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In addition to the pottery sherds, a Coca Cola bottle dating to 1961 was collected from the site. The bottle indicates modern activities in the area in the second half of the twentieth century.

This prehistoric artifact scatter is important to Guam history and the history of the western Pacific because it has clues about the movements and activities of the early inhabitants of the island.



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Meggai na rikesa gi hestoria i islan Guahån mäs di mit tätte na tiempo. Gi mit años na tiempo i ya Guahån na manggaige i manantiguayon na Chamorro, ya gi maloffan kinientos años, manhålom i modan Español, Tagålo, Chapanes yan Amerikånu. Guåha embestigasion ma susede ginen i taotao ni' umestudia i lugåt gi Dos Mit Onse yan Dos Mit Dosse gi ya 'Andersen Air Force Base' komu pätte gi plånu para u ma rikohi mäs enfotmasion åntes di u ma tutuhon i hinatsa. Ma direcho i embestigasion gi mismo lugåt annai siña inatburota ni' che'cho' hinatsa. Yanggen guåha nisisidåt-ña i militåt para u ma håtisa, siempre mana'siguru na ti ma atburota i propiadåt hestorikåt gi lugåt. Yanggen ti pusipbli, pues i militåt ha espiha empeñu para u ma desminuyi i distrosu gi propiadåt hestorikåt ni' che'cho'. Yanggen ti pusipbli na u ma eskapåyi, u ma attan kao a'annok gi inestudia gi propiadåt hestorikåt antigo na pine'lo pues ayu na u ma konsigi i guinaddok.

Uno gi ma estudia na lugåt guåha ma sodda' didide na chinalapon antiguayon na fina'ätte gi hilo' odda', i taotao ni' umestudia i fina'ätte ha mãtka, ha litråtu i mismo lugåt, pues ha guaddok påla. Este i guinaddok påla mandikike na mãddok gi edda' para u espeha kao u fañodda' mäs fina'ätte pat otro na pine'lon kutturåt gi papa' odda'. Lao este na biahi tåya' ma sodda' gi guinaddok påla; ayu ha' i gaige gi hilo' odda'.

Fuera di i pidåson fina'ätte 'sherds', ma rikohi chinalapon buteyan coke gi lugåt ginen Mit Nuebi Sisentai Uno na sårkan. Annok na este na buteya gaige gi nuebu na aktebedåt durånten i sigundo media gi mina'bente na siklo.

I taotao siha ni' umestudia i lugåt ma rikohi singko pidåson antiguayon na fina'ätte pat 'sherds' gi hilo' odda'. Uma'annok na este i 'sherds' desdi tätte gi Tiempon Latte. I Tiempon Latte gaige desdi i 'AD900' lao ma lilista gi Tiempon Español kåsi gi 'AD1500-1700'. Este i "Tiempon Latte" ginen i na'an haligen åcho' ni' taiguihe i figuran tåsa gi sanhilo' ni' ma u'usa ni' manmo'na na taotao Islas Mariana para u supotte yan para u lalukka' i gima' siha. Lao este i chinalapon fina'ätte tåya' figura-ñiha.

I taotao ni' umestudia i fina'ätte siha ha lilista i sinidda'-ña sigun gi klåsen adotno, fotma pat håfa na odda' ma usa. Gi Tiempon Latte i ma rikohi na 'sherds' desdi antes na chinalapon ya ma fattinas ginen i edda' sabånan Guahån. Tåya' gi fina'ätte 'sherds' ni' ma sodda' ma adotna lao i labios i fotma potpot ya echong halom. Durånten i Tiempon Latte, siña ha' este na klåsen sahan ma usa para muna'lagu nengkanno'. I taotao ni' umestudia i lugåt ma ditetmina ginen i embestigasion-ñiha na siña ha' este na tiempo gi Tiempon Latte guåha taotao manmaloloffan ha' gi lugåt.

Empottånte este i antigon chinalapon fina'ätte para i hestorian Guahån yan para hestorian sanlichan sa' guåha ebidensia put i mubimento yan aktebedåt i manmofo'na na taotao gi isla.



Pidåson fina'ätte gi Tiempon Latte

Mana'huyong este na Lepblon Idukasion yan Pinila' Pupbliku para u komplåsi pätte gi kontråtån i Dipattamenton Difensot, i Konsehilon Abison Inadahen Hestorikåt, i Ufisiåt Estådon Inadahen Hestorikåt Guahån yan i Ufisiåt Estådon Inadahen Hestorikåt Islas Notte Mariana yan put i militåt ni' para u fanma muebi para Guahån yan Tinian. Mana'pusipbli este na lepblo ginen i enfotmasion ni' ma pripåra put i lugåt annai ma sera i planu para i che'cho'.

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