The Early Exploitation of Cetacean in Western Europe during the Late Upper Palaeolithic

Fact Sheet

Project Information

**WHALEBONE**

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Project description

**Whales’ role in the development of coastal economies Ice Age Europe**

There is growing evidence that early coastal economies during the Magdalenian culture in Europe, between 18 000 and 15 000 years ago, grew by exploiting whales. Whale bone artefacts in northern Spain’s Cantabria region revealed the presence of routine and organised communication networks. It is not known if this was only at local level or Europe-wide. With a focus on Spanish coasts, the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions WHALEBONE project aims to address this question by identifying cetacean bone objects beyond the Pyreneo-Cantabrian region. To do so, it will
implement a technique to analyse proteins and a minimally invasive programme for dating cetacean bone objects.

Fields of science

natural sciences > biological sciences > zoology > mammalogy > cetology
natural sciences > earth and related environmental sciences > physical geography > glaciology
humanities > history and archaeology > archaeology > bioarchaeology

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