



A Regional Survey of Uninhabited Islands: The Small Cycladic Islands Project, 2019-2022

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Abstract

The Small Cycladic Islands Project (SCIP) is a diachronic regional survey of numerous small, currently uninhabited islands throughout the Cyclades. While most of these islets are unlikely to have sustained long-term populations, they were nevertheless put to a variety of different uses in the past, including pasturage (goat islands), cemeteries, stopovers, refuges, and strongholds. Between 2019 and 2022, SCIP has surveyed 45 small islands in the vicinity of Paros, Antiparos, Kythnos, Serifos, Sifnos, Syros, Milos, and Kimolos. These range in size from less than a hectare to Polyaiagos, the largest uninhabited island in the Aegean at 18 sq km. Results so far provide new insights concerning a wide range of human activities—habitation and non-habitation, diachronic and incidental—that took place in marginal island environments.

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