

**THE MALACO+ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP NEWSLETTER**  
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The Malacoarchaeology Group has formed, in a roundabout way, as the result of a talk ('Shells from the ancient Aegean') that I gave to fellow members of the Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland at the Natural History Museum in London in February 2000. Having worked in the field of malacoarchaeology/archaeomalacology, albeit on a very part time basis, for over 20 years in almost total isolation, it was a revelation to find that there were others with similar interests. To encourage communication between malacoarchaeologists, I wrote a short note that was published in *The Conchologists' Newsletter* (No. 154: 385, September 2000) which has so far elicited responses from more than 30 people.

These people are listed below, with their email addresses and (where available) some indication of their interests and experience. If this 'newsletter' facilitates contacts between malacoarchaeologists, then it will have fulfilled its purpose. However, if the material is forthcoming, it may be possible to produce further issues with notices of meetings, short reports of work in progress, abstracts of papers, etc – please send contributions to me at the above email address. (JRS)

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Environmental Manager, Wessex Archaeology, UK; land snail analysis from archaeological sites in southern England; database of over 1800 analysed samples created over last 10 years; determination of changing land use patterns; taphonomy; modern ecological studies of smaller species; use of species diversity in archaeological samples.

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Graduate student at the University of Haifa, Israel; has worked on several archaeological sites in Israel; special interest in trumpet shells.

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Malacofauna from archaeological sites in the Near East, mostly Israel (has studied about 65 assemblages to date); cultural use of shells; also shell middens and palaeo-environmental research; has developed a systematic methodology for the analysis of shell material; Mollusca consultant to Peabody Museum at Harvard University, and Museum of Fine Arts in Boston; also teaches courses in archaeology.

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Archaeologist working on the malacofauna from Romano-Iberian sites in Catalonia, Spain.

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Associate Professor, Department of Botany, University of Oporto, Portugal; teaches environmental microbiology and mycology; has a keen interest in malacology and has worked on an Iron Age shell midden in northern Portugal; interested in limpets.

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Information scientist; interested in archaeology and geology; special interest in razor shells (*Ensis*).

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Student at the University of Paris 1, France; preparing a thesis on the malacofauna of Mesolithic/Neolithic sites along the French coastline.

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Amateur conchologist from South Africa; mainly interested in micro-shells, Epitoniidae, Columbelloidea, Olividae, Nassariidae; land snails; man and molluscs.

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Studying marine species at various Egyptian Red Sea sites.

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Graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley; Japanese archaeology, especially Jomon culture and shell middens; primarily working on fish but interested in other animal remains.

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Director, Environmental Archaeology Unit, Department of Biology, University of York, UK; primarily interested in insects in archaeology; also snails.

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Trade of marine products by prehistoric cultures of North America; shark tooth trade in Florida; long distance trade of marine shells for artefact manufacture; sourcing marine goods to coast of origin; Mississippian shell working techniques; use of fire in shell artefact manufacture.

Jan LIGHT: jan@janthina.co.uk

Long-standing interest in malacology, specialising in present-day distribution of North East Atlantic marine species; doctoral thesis on coldwater carbonates (sublittoral

shellsands of north Scottish continental shelf); mollusc specialist with county and university archaeological units, working throughout UK; runs own consultancy (Janthina Consultants) carrying out a wide range of contract work on marine and nonmarine molluscs, also in association with Malacological Services.

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Doctoral student based at the National Museum of Natural History in Paris, France; working in the Sultanate of Oman on Neolithic and Bronze Age sites (6000-2000 BC), studying food remains and environmental aspects.

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National Mollusc Collection, Department of Evolution, Systematics and Ecology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel; has worked on the malacofauna from numerous archaeological sites in the Near East, mostly Israel.

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Malacoarchaeology of the Northwest Coast of North America, mainly seasonality analyses of clams in order to clarify aboriginal lifeways; also interested in mussels, gastropods, barnacles and other marine invertebrates.

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Independent malacologist specialising in the land snails of the eastern USA and Turkey; distribution patterns of land snails in Turkey in relation to the archaeology of introduced species; also interested in bdelloid rotifers.

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Malacofauna of a Bronze Age site in the Gulf of Taranto, southern Italy.

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Professional editor and abstractor; freelance malacoarchaeologist specialising in the eastern Mediterranean region and the UK; cultural and dietary implications of marine

shell assemblages; land and freshwater snails as environmental and land use indicators; also interested in the malacofauna and precolumbian cultures of South America.

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Doctoral student based at the National Museum of Natural History in Paris, France; working in the Caribbean on preceramic and ceramic sites (2000 BC to AD 1500), studying food remains and shell tool and ornament production; has also worked on Neolithic shell material from Corsica and Cyprus.

Liz SOMERVILLE: lizsom@biols.sussex.ac.uk

Sub-Dean (Academic Affairs), School of Biological Sciences, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK; interested in maximising information which can be derived from marine shells both in terms of the use of marine resources and the ecological information that can be obtained from them, especially from epifauna; southeastern UK, mainly on Roman and Medieval material but interested in all periods.

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Masters dissertation on material from Orkney, including shell; has also worked on shells from Kush and Arabia.

Katherine SZABO: kszabo88@hotmail.com

Doctoral student based at the Australian National University, Canberra; working on shell middens from Lapita-period Fiji and Solomon Islands, a 30,000 BP midden from East Timor, and shell artefacts from Lapita and Neolithic Southeast Asian sites; special interest in Mollusca of Pacific Islands.

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Masters student based at the National Museum of Natural History in Paris, France; working on palaeoeconomic and palaeoenvironmental aspects of malacological material from a Geometric-period site near Athens, Greece; hoping to continue as a doctoral student working on material from a Bronze Age site on the island of Limnos, Greece.

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Reader in Human Palaeoecology, Institute of Archaeology, University College London, UK; interested in shell midden archaeology, palaeoecology, environmental reconstruction and past human ecology, environmental and subsistence change; currently working on Mesolithic palaeoecology in the coastal zone of southern England, and environmental and economic contexts of Late Neolithic to Early Iron Age societies in northern Pakistan.

Jessica WINDER: jmwi@ceh.ac.uk

Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, UK Natural Environment Research Council; malacological research mostly carried out in own time; edible marine molluscs from sites in UK and Europe over last 2000 years; morphological variation of *Ostrea edulis* as a tool for determining source and patterns of exploitation.