

## **ON THE PURSUIT OF THE MESOLITHIC MOTION ALONG THE SOUTHWEST PORTUGUESE COAST: THE CASE STUDY OF CASTELEJO SHELL MIDDEN**

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### **Abstract**

The multi-layered shell midden of Castelejo, located on the shore of the southwest corner of Iberia, provides new insights in the seasonal exploitation strategies and mobility patterns developed by Mesolithic coastal groups in the long term.

Besides shellfish gathering, the site had probably played other functional and non-functional roles in the whole regional taskscape, as a significant marker where hunter-gatherers signed their identity and ownership of the territory in an extensive and experienced way. Thus, territoriality and nomadism can be articulated, moulding Castelejo in the regional settlement system.