

STONE AS A RESOURCE IN PREHISTORY AND ANTIQUITY

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It can be argued that stone has been one of the most important kinds of raw material during most of human existence. Even though the information about provenance or source location of raw stone material found on archaeological sites can tell us a lot about societies and economies of the period in question, this type of research isn't often in the focus of archaeology.

We propose to sample quarry sites, as well as other primary and secondary deposits of different raw material in the Northern Adriatic that may have been used in prehistory and antiquity of Istria to obtain a relevant reference base for provenance studies.



Fig. 2. An unused stone block in a quarry in Kloštar, municipality of Vrsar.



Fig. 3. Chert layer seen in a profile. Vižula near Medulin.



Fig. 1. A flake made of raw material collected in Vižula near Medulin.

Istria is a geographically relatively enclosed region with geological surface deposits that allow for different raw stone material exploitation. Depending on the stone raw material, different macroscopic and microscopic analyses will be used.

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