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## ANIMAL BONE DEPOSITS UNDER SIDON'S MINOAN CUP

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About a hundred and eighty small fragments of bones were found under the Minoan cup. Some of the fragments are splinters of long bones (of limbs), some come from the axial skeleton: ribs and vertebrae. The fragments that have been positively determined are all the remains of sheep, except for one cervical vertebra (axis) which could be from a goat. A large number of splinters could not be positively determined as to species or even anatomically. At least three individuals are represented in this assemblage: one goat (axis) and two sheep (two axes). The bones come from sub-adult animals between one and three years old. No butchering marks or cutmarks were visible on the surface of the bones. This assemblage may represent a deposit. Elements of skulls and of the extremities of limbs (phalanges of feet) are absent. The parts that bear meat appear to have been selected (limbs, axial skeleton).

### Inventory of the Skeletal Remains

#### Axial Skeleton (sheep or goat)

1 atlas  
2 axes: sheep  
1 axis: goat?  
4 centra of cervical vertebrae  
2 centra of thoracic vertebrae  
1 lumbar vertebra  
1 fragment of a sacrum  
± 40 fragments of vertebrae  
± 75 fragments of ribs

#### Limbs (sheep or goat)

2 fragments of scapulae, right and left: sheep  
1 proximal fragment of a left ulna, epiphysis unfused  
1 carpal bone, left triquetrum: sheep  
1 fragment of left half of a pelvis: ewe  
1 diaphysis of a left femur, epiphyses unfused  
1 patella  
1 distal end of a left tibia, epiphysis fused: sheep  
1 distal part of the diaphysis of a left tibia  
2 unfused proximal ends of tibia, 1 right and one left  
1 fused end of a right metatarsal: sheep  
± 40 splinters of long bones