

# Archaeological Study of the Prehistoric Fishing in Taiwan

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## ABSTRACT

Archaeologically, the exploitation of aquatic resources, both marine and fresh water, can be traced back to the prehistoric period in Taiwan. The prehistoric fishing was seen as a self-sustenance subsistence in overall dynamic adaptive system. This paper begins with the definition of prehistoric fishing and the discussion of various related issues such as sampling methods, research premises, and shell mound research. Then the paper evaluates the archaeological record of the prehistoric fishing and its current research status in Taiwan. Finally, the prospect for future research is proposed.

**Key words:** Taiwan, prehistoric fishing, shell mound, archaeological formation process