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Brief Introduction to Colha, Belize

The archaeological site of Colha and the adjacent Cobweb Swamp are located in the Orange Walk District of northern Belize. Archaeological evidence indicates an occupation from the Preceramic (3400 - 1900 B.C.) to Middle Postclassic (A.D.1150 – 1300) (Hester 1996a; Iceland 1997; Jacob 1992; Jones 1994b; Valdez 1994a). This long history of occupation provides researchers the unique opportunity to view ecological, cultural, and material culture changes as they are manifested over more than 4,000 years.

Since its original recording in 1973 (Hammond 1973), 16 seasons of research, 14 as part of the Colha Project, have been conducted at the site (Hester 1979, 1980, 1983a, 1983b, 1985a, 1985c, 1994; Hester, Ligabue, Eaton, Shafer, and Adams 1983; Hester, Eaton, and Shafer 1980; Hester and Shafer 1991b, 1994b; Hester et al. 1979a, 1979b, 1983, 1994, 1996; King 1987; Valdez in prep-b; Valdez and Hester 1990). The results of over 22 years of research efforts can be found in site reports, published articles, organized symposia, papers presented at conferences, master's theses, and doctoral dissertations. Each contributing to the understanding of Colha's prehistoric environment, the people who inhabited and manipulated it, the cultural and economic systems that sustained it, and the material culture that functioned within it.

A compilation of these works (published and unpublished) is provided in citation format (Tables 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3). The three tables are organized by topic and include: Table 1.1, general Colha, Table 1.2 material culture studies, and Table 1.3 environmental studies. Further divisions have been made within the individual tables.

Citations denoted by an asterisk (*), summarize findings from sites other than Colha, but are included as the work/research was either funded by the Colha Project or was part of the endeavors of the Colha Regional Survey. A standard bibliography immediately follows. This bibliography represents all items submitted as of April, 2003¹.

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Table 1.1. General Colha

Topic	Citation
Project Interim Reports, Summaries	Hammond 1973; Hester 1979, 1980, 1983a, 1983b, 1985a, 1985c, 1994; Hester, Ligabue, Eaton, Shafer, and Adams 1983; Hester, Eaton, and Shafer 1980; Hester and Shafer 1991b 1994b; Hester et al. 1979a, 1979b, 1983, 1994, 1996; King 1987; Valdez in prep-b; Valdez and Hester 1990
General Colha (Excavation Reports; Household, Community, Ritual, Ideology, and Miscellaneous)	Adams 1982, 1983b; Anthony 1987, 1994; Anthony and Black 1994; Anthony et al. 2003; Bareiss 1980; Barrett and Scherer 2002; Buttles 2002; Buttles and Meadows 2003; Day and Laurens 1980; Eaton 1980b, 1982b, 1991, 1994; Eaton and Kunstler 1980; Escobedo 1979, 1980a; Gan 1993; Gibson 1982a, 1982b*, 1994*; Gibson and Shafer 1982*; Gibson et al. 1986; Hammond 1982; Hester 1983c, 1983d*, 1996a, 1996c*, 2003; Hester and Shafer 1994a 2001a; Iceland 1986; King 1990; King and Potter 1994; Knepper 1994; Kuntsler n.d.; Ligabue 1983; Ligabue Magazine 2002; Masson 1991; McAnany 1994; Meadows and Wilson 1997; Meskill 1988; Michaels 1994a; Mock 1991, 1994a, 1998; Mock and Valdez 1989*; Potter 1980, 1982, 1985, 1991b, 1992, 1994; Potter et al. 1984, n.d.; Potter and King 1995; Scott 1980b; Stock 1982; Sullivan 1991a, 1991b, in prep; Taylor 1980a, 1980b*; Valdez 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992a; 1992b; 1994b, 1994c, 1996a, 1996b, 1996c; Valdez and Buttles 2003; Valdez and Meskill 1991; Valdez and Mock 1988*, 1991*; Valdez and Potter 1982
Field and Laboratory Methodologies	Black 1983, 1991a 1991b*; Buttles in prep-b; Selsor 1982; Stock 1979a, 1980
Settlement Studies	Eaton 1980a, 1982a; Gibson 1982b, 1982d; Kelly 1979a, 1980; Kelly and Valdez 1979a, 1979b, 1979c; King 1985, 1986, 1994; Larralde 1994; McNatt and Cox 1979; Meadows 1997*

Table 1.2. Material Culture Studies

Topic	Citation
Architecture	Anthony 1987; Anthony and Black 1994; Basaglia 1983; Eaton 1979, 1980a; 1981, 1982a; Sullivan 1991a, 1991b, 1992, 1995; Sullivan and Anthony 2003
Ceramics	Adams and Valdez 1979a, 1979b, 1980a, 1980b, 1983; Buttles 1994a; Hurst et al. 2002; Johnson 1992; Kosakowsky and Valdez 1982; Meskill 1991, 1992; Mock 1994b; Powis et al. 2002; Reed 2003; Reese 1991; Reese and Valdez 1985*, 1987*; Valdez 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1991a, 1993, 1994a, 1997, in prep-a; Valdez and Adams 1982; Valdez and Mock 1985a, 1985b; Valdez and Meskill 1991a, 1991b; Valdez and Kosakowsky 1982; Valdez et al. 1993, 2000, 2001

Table 1.2. Material Culture Studies (continued)

Topic	Citation
Faunal and Subsistence Strategies	Huebner and Krueger 1992, Scott 1979, 1980a, 1982, 1983; Shaw 1985, 1990, 1991a, 1991b, 1999; Shaw and Mangan 1994; Sires n.d.; White et al. 2001
Maya Lithics (Technology, Craft Specialization, Economic, and Culture)	Barrett 1999, 2000; Cackler et al. 1998; Cortes 2002; Drollinger 1989; Eaton 1982b*; Eaton et al. 1994; Escobedo 1979, 1980b; Galindo 1999; Gibson 1982c, 1986, 1989; Hester 1982, 1983e, 1985b, 1992, 1994, 1996b, 2002; Hester, Shafer, and Ligabue 1980; Hester et al. 1993, 1996; Hester and Shafer 1984, 1987, 1989, 1991a, 1992, 1994, 2001b; Iceland and Johnson 1996; Johnson and Cauty 1981; Kelly 1993; Kelly et al. 1979; Hult and Hester 1995; King 2000, 2003; Labadie and Suhler 1982; Lamb 1979; Masson 1989, 1991, 2000; Masson and Maslyk 1988, 1990; McAnany and Barnett 1991; Meadows 1998, 2001, 2003b; Meadows and Wilson 1997; Meskill 1988; Michaels 1986, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1994b; Michaels and Shafer 1994; Mitchum and King 1990; Mock and Johnson n.d.; Nakkasis 1999; Nash 1980, 1986; Potter 1991a, 1993; Roemer 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1991a, 1991b; Santone 1993; Shafer 1976, 1979, 1982a, 1982b*, 1983a, 1983b, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1991, 1994a, 1994b, 1996, 2003; Shafer and Hester 1979, 1983, 1986a, 1986b*, 1991a, 1991b, 1991c, 1996, 2001; Shafer and Oglesby 1980; Suhler 1983; Tobey 1986; Toby et al. 1994; Toy 1983; Wilson and Meadows 1998
Obsidian	Brown et al. n.d.; Dreiss 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989; Dreiss et al. 1988, 2000; Dreiss and Brown 1989, 1991; Hester and Michel 1980; Hester and Shafer 1980; Houk and Valdez in prep; McGraw 1980; Meadows 2003b; Woerner 1980
Osteology	Foster 1997; Hester, Steele, and Eaton 1983; Massey 1989, 1991, 1994, n.d.; Massey and Steele 1982, 1997; Meadows and Wilson 1997; Scherer n.d.; Scott 1980b; Steele et al. 1980; Wilson and Meadows 1998; Wright n.d., in prep; Young 1994
Preceramic Lithics	Gibson 1985, 1991, 1994; Hester and Iceland 2001; Hester, Kelly, and Ligabue 1981; Hester, Shafer, and Ligabue 1981; Hester et al. 1993; Hudler and Lohse 1994; Hudler et al. 1996; Iceland 1997; Iceland and Hester 1996; Iceland et al 1995; Kelly 1991*, 1993*; Lohse 1993, 1995; Shafer, Hester, and Kelly 1980a*, 1980b*; Wilson et al. 1998; Wood 1990, 1991

Table 1.2. Material Culture Studies (continued)

Topic	Citation
Ground and Polished Stone	Buttles 1991, 1992a, 1992b, 2002, in prep-a; Johnson n.d.; Peeples 2003
Limestone	Buttles 1992a, 1992b, 1994b, 2002, in prep*
Modified Bone and Antler	Buttles 1991, 1992a, 1992b, 2002, in prep-a; Scott 1980; Shults n.d.; Stock 1979b
Reworked Ceramic Sherds	Buttles 1991, 1992a, 1992b, 1994b*, 2002, in prep-a; Gillis 1982; McGregor 1994; Valdez and Gillis 1980
Modified Shell	Buttles 1991, 1992a, 1992b, 2002 in prep-a; Dreiss 1982, 1994; Stock 1979c
Molluscan Remains, unmodified	Feldman 1979, 1980, 1994

Table 1.3. Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies	Citation
Agroecology Geoarchaeology, Palynology, and Botanical	Alcala-Herrera et al. 1994; Caldwell 1980; Cox 1979; Goldberg and Jacob 1994; Iceland and Hester 1996; Jacob 1991, 1992, 1995; Jacob and Hallmark 1996; Jones 1991, 1994a, 1994b; King 1993; Miksicek 1979; Pohl et al. 1994, 1996; Valdez et al. 1991

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