

TIMING AND CONTEXT OF EPIPALEOLITHIC TO CYPRO-PPNB HUMAN PRESENCE ON CYPRUS

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This paper will make a critical review of the absolute dating evidence presently available for Epipaleolithic to Cypro-PPNB human presence on Cyprus. It will try to propose what appears to be the most appropriate absolute chronology for the key sites/stages on the basis of these data for very early prehistoric Cyprus: ca. 13-9 Ka BP. It will then consider these dated horizons in terms of both of the archaeology of the surrounding east Mediterranean region, and in terms of climate change.