

Troodos Archaeological and Environmental Survey Project

Report on Sixth Season, 21 June – 13 July 2004 (Study Season)

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The Troodos Archaeological and Environmental Survey Project (TAESP) held its sixth and last season between 21 June and 13 July 2004. This was a study season, with a team of 17 specialists and team leaders.

We are very grateful to Dr Pavlos Flourentzos, Director of the Department of Antiquities, for the permit to carry out this season, and for his support of our project. We would also like to thank Mr Pantelis Iakovou, the *mukhtaris* of Katydhata, for allowing us to use the Katydhata school as our headquarters, Mr Yeoryios Papacharalambous, the *mukhtaris* of Tembria, for giving us storage space, and the people of Katydhata, Phlasou and Tembria for their help and hospitality. Dr Tom Davis, Vathoulla Moustoukki and Diana Constantinides of the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute have also been very supportive of our project.

The main aims of this season were to finish the artefact recording, correct various database and GIS problems, check specific issues in the field areas, and plan the final publication.

All **artefact recording** has now been finished.

We have made good progress in fixing problems and filling gaps in our **database** and Geographic Information System (GIS). Most of the artefact and fieldwork data are now in their final, correct form. We have been improving the organisation and documentation of both database and GIS, and have started to produce analyses based on database queries. We estimate that it will take another two months' work in Glasgow to complete the corrections to the database and GIS.

We have done no systematic **fieldwork** this season, but we have visited all of our main areas to check details and fill gaps, in preparation for the final publication. This included some additional geomorphological mapping in areas of archaeological survey where it was lacking, as well as taking photographs and checking our maps and descriptions.

In the course of this work we recorded several new sites. These include an exposed section with Bronze Age pottery (TP246; Phlasou *Koutroullis*); an Archaic-Classical sanctuary in the Atsas area (TP215; Evrykhou *Potima*); a nearby Archaic cemetery (TP248; Evrykhou *Potima*); and a Medieval estate building high up in the Asinou valley (TP250; Nikitari *Khalospita*).

We have now planned the **final publication** in considerable detail, particularly the write-up of the different field areas, which will be its largest and most complex part. Project specialists have discussed the various chapters and agreed on a publication schedule. We intend to submit the final manuscript towards the end of 2006. We also have plans to write a short book about the project in Greek, for a Cypriot readership.