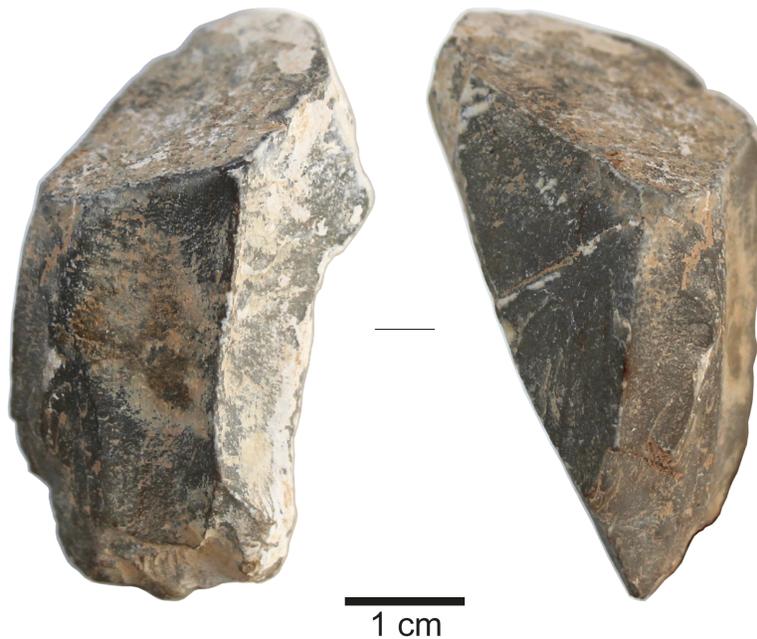


IV. Excavation X-12, stratigraphic component C (SC-C; 96 artefacts, numbers 981–1076)

IV.1. Taxon B: Core (1 item; #981)

#981. Item no. 649-12283

Exc. nr.	Discovery date	Square-subsq.	Depth range Z(D)	Depth Z(datum)	UTM E (x)	UTM N (y)	Stratum	Stratig. comp. (SC)
X12	08/02/2016	J5/ K5	-	-3.00	283922.56	2724534.02	1222	C
Taxon code	Taxon definition	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Weight (g)	Raw material class		
B	Blade core	49.7	28	23.2	31.77	V		



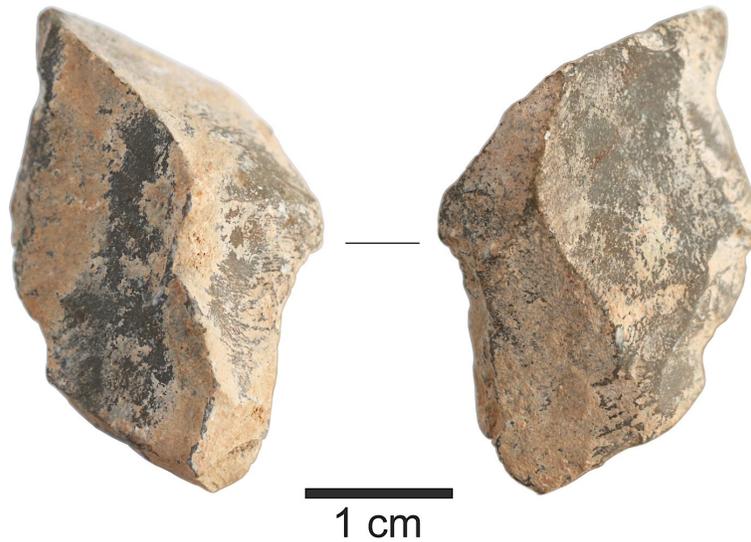
Characterization. This item is a pale-green limestone blade core, with abundant depositions of white carbonate concretions across the surface and over blade scars. The core has three contiguous blade extractions. Two of them probably originate on the large, flat platform, and the third one from the opposite end.



IV.2. Taxon C: Incipient reduction of blanks
 (2 items; #982–983)

#982. Item no. 453-11032

Exc. nr.	Discovery date	Square -subsq.	Depth range Z(D)	Depth Z(datum)	UTM E (x)	UTM N (y)	Stratum	Stratig. comp. (SC)
X12	01/02/2016	i6	-1.50/ -1.55	-1.50	283921.36	2724535.07	1212	C
Taxon code	Taxon definition	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Weight (g)	Raw material class		
C	Incipient reduction	33	28.6	16.6	17.88	V		



Characterization. This item has few features to work as possible arguments in favor of its anthropic origin. But, despite its “shapeless” aspect, and considering this is a mostly decorticated piece of fine-grained green limestone, it is presumed as an artefact because the decorticated areas are smooth concoidal surfaces, and because the extractions originated from different directions: features that are more related, causally, to human agency rather than simple natural factors. This is probably the result of the incipient and interrupted preparation of a preform or a core meant for flakes and blades, as the real functionality cannot be determined.

#983. Item no. 473-11073

Exc. nr.	Discovery date	Square-subsq.	Depth range Z(D)	Depth Z(datum)	UTM E (x)	UTM N (y)	Stratum	Stratig. comp. (SC)
X12	02/02/2016	i6	-	-1.55	283920.76	2724534.67	1217	C
Taxon code	Taxon definition	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Weight (g)	Raw material class		
C	Incipient reduction of blank	30.8	23.6	10.4	8.05	V		



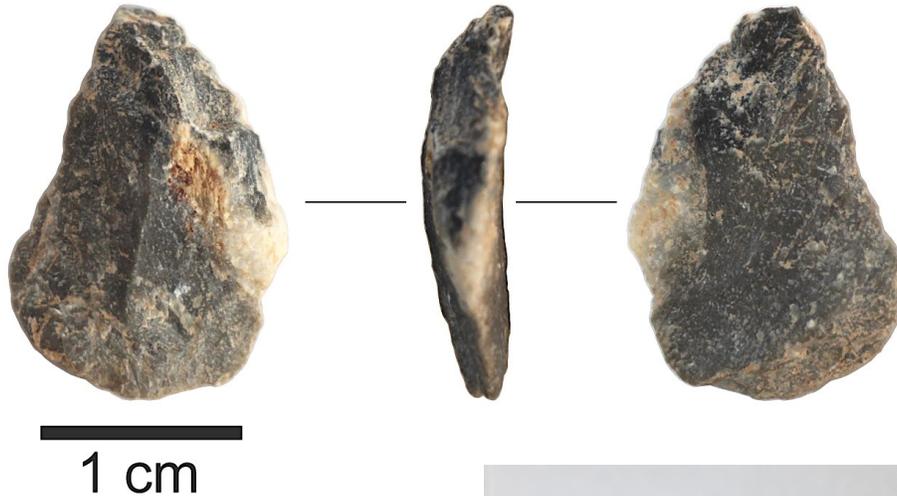
Characterization. This item is a tabular, triangular nodule of green limestone, with incipient attempts of reduction visible on one lateral edge and the basal edge. Coarse percussion and retouch can both be identified. This is probably a piece that was intended for a point preform, taking advantage of its pre-determined natural shape, perhaps within the context of a teaching/learning process. Its cultural nature can be questioned.



IV.3. Taxon D: Flakes in general
 (3 items; #984–986)

#984. Item no. 477-11087

Exc. nr.	Discovery date	Square-subsq.	Depth range Z(D)	Depth Z(datum)	UTM E (x)	UTM N (y)	Stratum	Stratig. comp. (SC)
X12	02/02/2016	L4	-2.23/ -2.43	-2.30	283924.26	2724532.91	1212	C
Taxon code	Taxon definition	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Weight (g)	Raw material class		
D	Flake	19.7	13.1	4.5	1.08	V		



Characterization. This small artefact is a tertiary flake of dark-green limestone, with a small punctiform platform and a wide, rounded distal end. This is only a debitage element, a thinning flake, without additional modifications or use-wear.



#985. Item no. 2015-13221

Exc. nr.	Discovery date	Square-subsq.	Depth range Z(D)	Depth Z(datum)	UTM E (x)	UTM N (y)	Stratum	Stratig. comp. (SC)
X12	25/01/2017	L4-NE	-2.70/ -2.80	-2.75	283924.26	2724533.41	1212	C

Taxon code	Taxon definition	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Weight (g)	Raw material class		
D	Flake	31.6	29.4	5.2	4.72	V		



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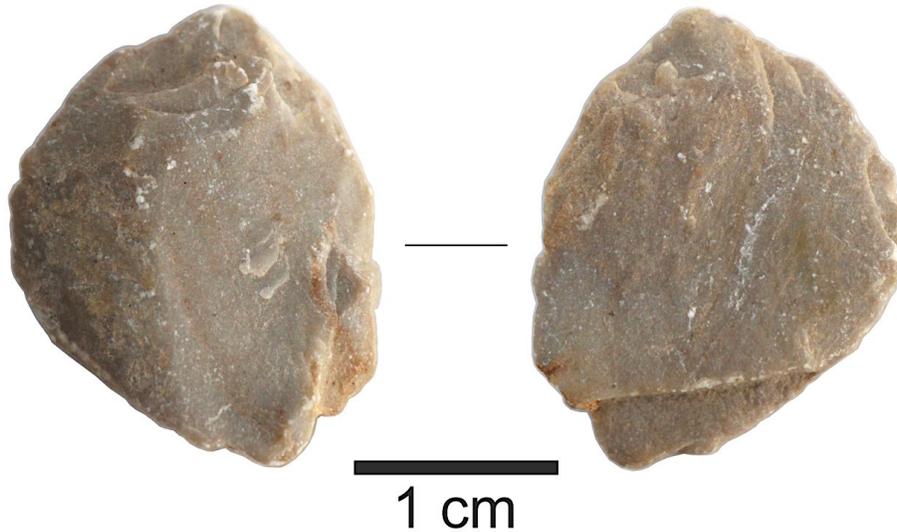


Characterization. This artefact is a wide flake of pale-green limestone, surface-eroded and coated by white carbonate depositions on its dorsal-distal section. The proximal section, located at the narrower end, is broken, and the platform is missing. The flake may present certain anthropic modifications, such as a shallow notch on the right side, which was probably made in order to use the flake as a concave scraper or bone cleaner (*spokeshave*), and the distal edge that presents two fractured segments and a central retouched area, perhaps meant to obtain an endscraper. However, due to the thick carbonate coating, it is difficult to establish whether these features resulted indeed from human action.

#986. Item no. 2156-13245

Exc. nr.	Discovery date	Square-subsq.	Depth range Z(D)	Depth Z(datum)	UTM E (x)	UTM N (y)	Stratum	Stratig. comp. (SC)
X12	27/01/2017	L5-SE	-3.00/ -3.10	-3.10	283924.36	2724533.71	1219	C

Taxon code	Taxon definition	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Weight (g)	Raw material class		
D	Flake, modified?	22.7	19.3	5.3	2.72	V		



Characterization. This green limestone item is the distal end of a secondary flake or blade-like flake that was broken by bending fracture, as shown by the large fracture plane on its proximal end. The distal tip looks intentionally modified, with marginal retouch on both sides of the tip, including two overlapped scars originating on the distal end. However, the evidence for post-extraction human intervention is weak.

