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RADIOCARBON DATES FROM THE DART VALLEY REGION

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SITE S122/1, DART RIVER

Paved Mound Site consisting of twenty 6' x 3' raised Mounds (9") paved with gravel or stone and connected by paved pathways. A greenstone workers' village first reported by G. Haines in 1919, who recovered greenstone blanks and Moa bone. Mound sectioned and connecting pathway cleared down.

R 1982/6	Mound B top of occ. layer charcoal	438 ± 79 (A.D. 1512)
R 1982/5	Mound B top of natural charcoal	1980 ± 177 (B.C. 30)

SITE S123/1, WYUNA KOCH "MOA HUNTER" SITE

Surface finds of adzes and flakes material of 14th century A.D. types. Site consists of small ovens and blackened occupation material. Midden not preserved due to acidity of soil. Two 2 m squares excavated.

R 1982/2	Sq A2 Layer 4 oven	519 44 (A.D. 1431)
R 1982/1	Sq A2 Layer 3 Charcoal	594 ± 47 (A.D. 1356)
R 2242/2	Sq A2 Layer 2 Charred post	828 ± 65 (A.D. 1122)

SITE S123/5 LAGOON SITE

Large oval oven ten feet long with raised 18" artificial bank on three sides and lower bank fourth side. One quadrant excavated. Two postholes were found inside the bank and a very large oven taking up most of the central space.

R 1982/3	Central oven Layer 4	less than 100 years
R 2242/2	Central oven Layer 4 Charcoal	277 ± 48 (A.D. 1673)
R 1982/4	Wood covering posthole B Layer 4	406 ± 79 (A.D. 1554)
R 1982/7	Wood in posthole B	507 ± 55 (A.D. 1443)