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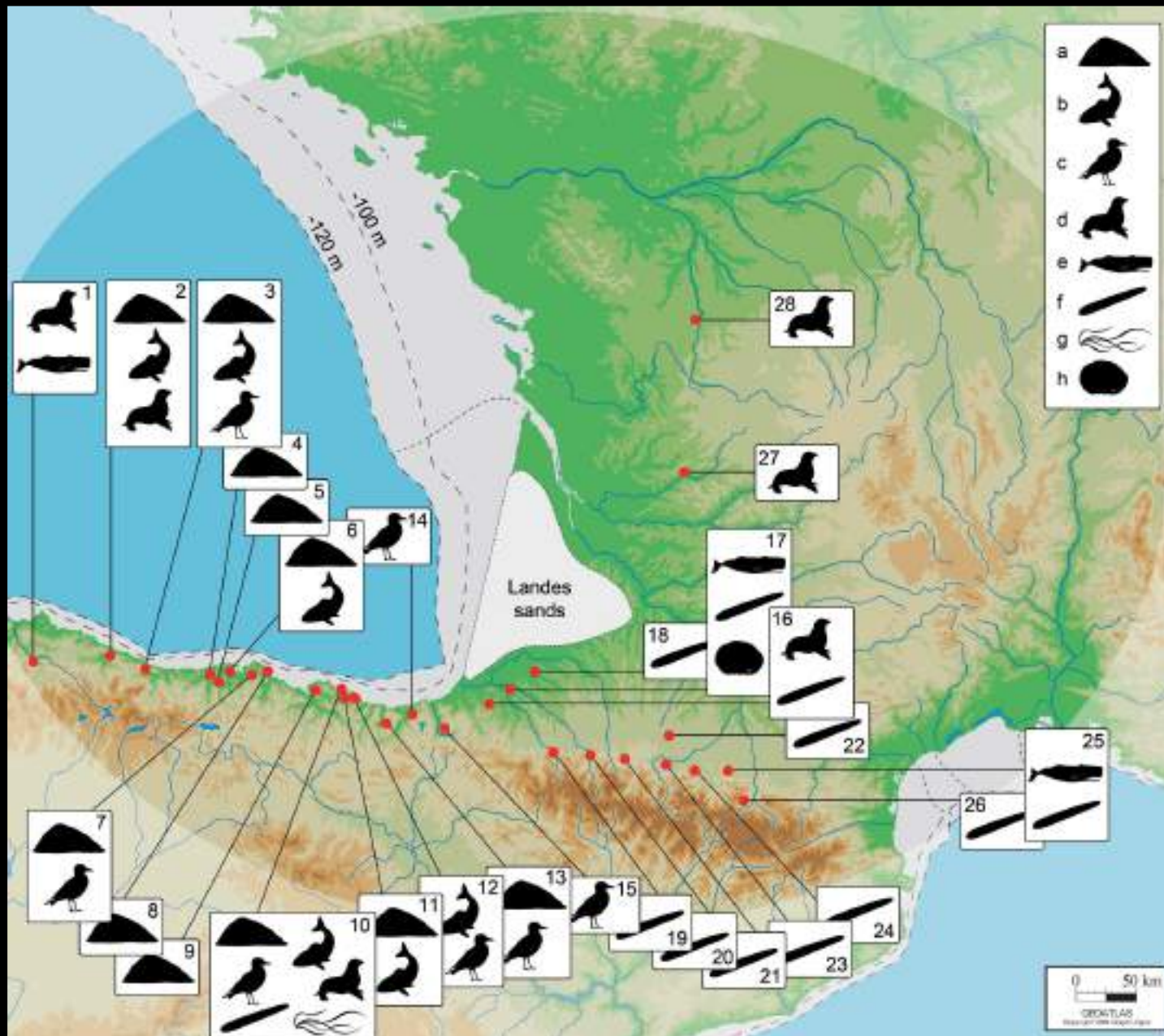
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Late Paleolithic whale bone tools reveal human and whale ecology in the Bay of Biscay

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Reconstructing how prehistoric humans used the products obtained from large cetaceans is challenging, but key to understand the history of early human coastal adaptations. Here we report the multiproxy analysis (ZooMS, radiocarbon, stable isotopes) of worked objects made of whale bone, and unworked whale bone fragments, found at Upper Paleolithic sites (Magdalenian) around the Bay of Biscay. Taxonomic identification using ZooMS reveals at least five species of large whales, expanding the range of known taxa whose products were utilized by humans in this period. Radiocarbon places the use of whale products ca. 20–54 ka cal BP, with a maximum diffusion and diversity at 17.5–16 ka cal BP, making it the oldest evidence of whale-bone working to our knowledge. $\delta^{13}C$ and $\delta^{15}N$ stable isotope values reflect taxon-specific differences in foraging behavior. The diversity and chronology of these cetacean populations attest to the richness of the marine ecosystem of the Bay of Biscay in the late Paleolithic, broadening our understanding of coastal adaptations at that time.

Whales are the largest living animals on Earth and the marine populations of many species are a mere fraction of their abundance in the past. Before intensive whaling depleted the populations of most species, whales were a valuable source of food and other resources (e.g., oil, bone, tallow). They were thus a key part of subsistence for many coastal human groups worldwide, including hunter-gatherers and Neolithic farmers, with acquisition methods that included scavenging freshly beached animals, opportunistic killing and targeted whaling¹. However, reconstructing the history of whale utilization is challenging, because prehistoric coastal sites are especially fragile parts of the archaeological record, many of them having been lost to marine erosion or flooded by the last marine transgression². In most cases, the only available

evidence is indirect, in the form of materials of coastal origin transported by people into inland sites. In Europe, a number of sites attributed to the Middle and Upper Magdalenian cultures (ca. 19–14 ka cal BP) or 10–12 millennia before present, at the end of MIS2 in southwestern France and in Atlantic Iberia have yielded an invaluable record of this type of evidence³: whale harpoons attesting to the transport of whale skin, blubber and meat⁴; unworked whale bones transported and processed at the habitation site⁵; worked whale tools^{6,7}; and, especially, more than 60 tools and projectile heads made of whale bone presumably of Atlantic origin, mostly found scattered from Asturias to the central part of the northern Pyrenean range⁸. This record, mostly identified within the last ten years, represents (to our knowledge) the oldest evidence of a regular

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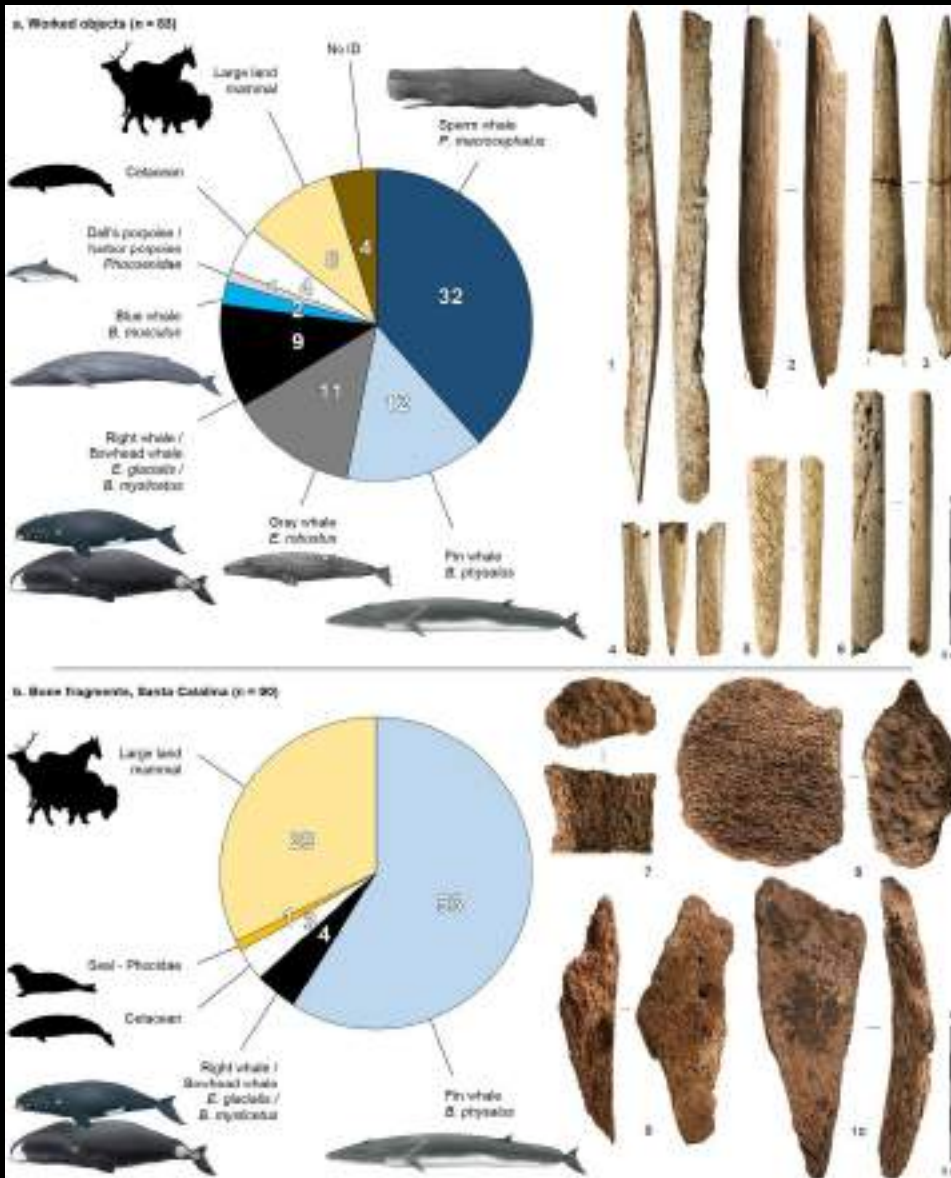
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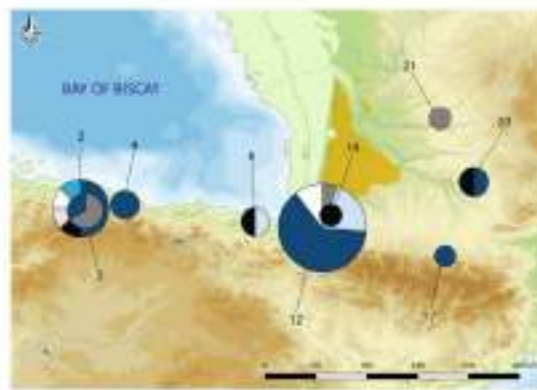
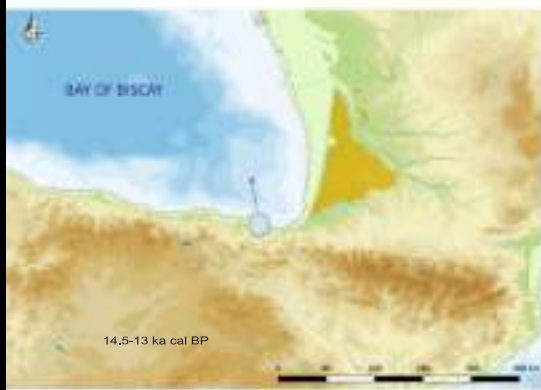
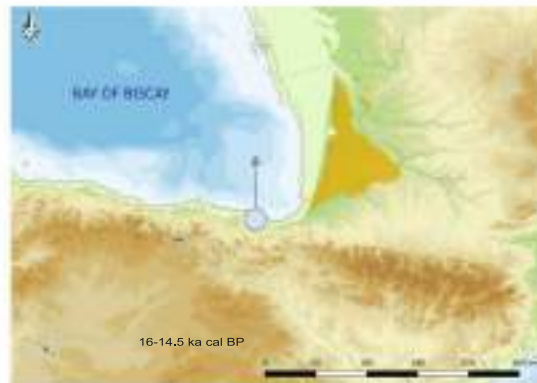
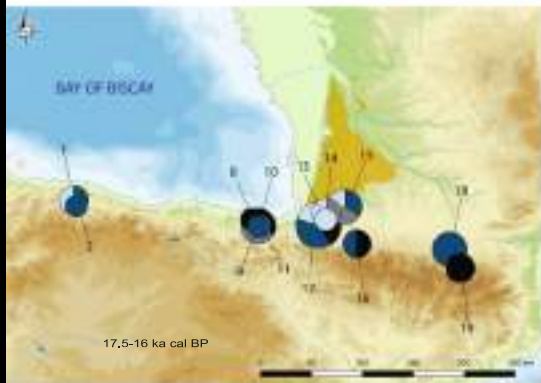
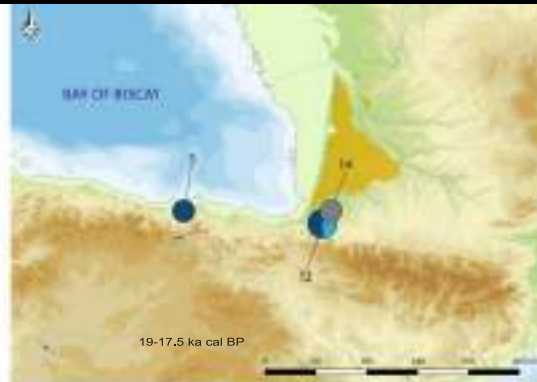
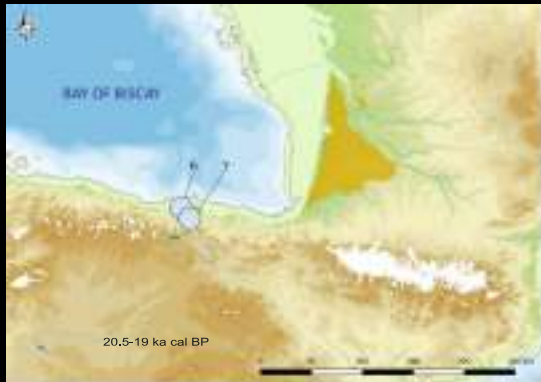
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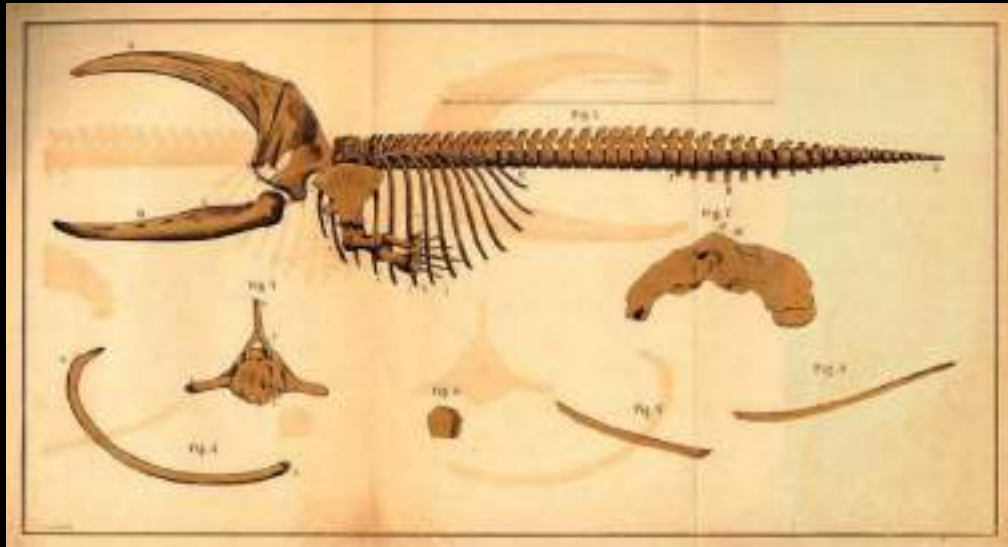
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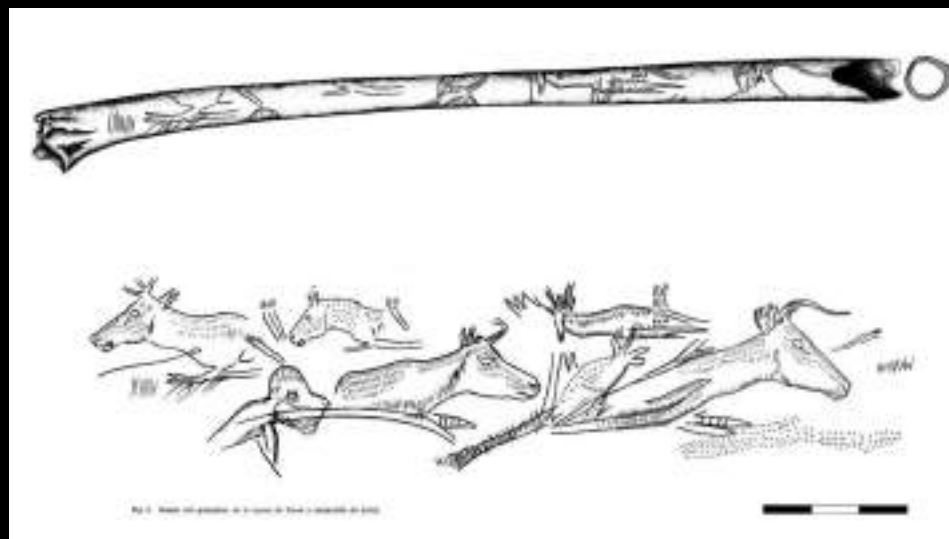


Fig. 1. Bone with paintings of animals from the site of the discovery of the bone.



Foto 6. Udon. Saltrón picado d'oc. J. Alberti.



Fig. 8. Udon. Saltrón picado.



Fig. 8. Saltrón (*Salmo gairdneri*). Según Lorenz, 1964.



Fig. 11. Trucha (Salmo trutta). Según Lorenz, 1964.



Foto 7. Alberti. Peco piloso grabado. (Cat. J. Mandauer).



Foto 2. Alberti. Peco piloso superior (Cat. J. Alberti).



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Fig. 2. Fleja (*Pleuronectes bestzi*). Según Lorenz, 1964.

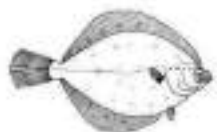


Fig. 3. Fleja (*Pleuronectes plestasi*). Según Lorenz, 1964.



Fig. 4. Longuado (*Solea acinis*). Según Lorenz, 1964.

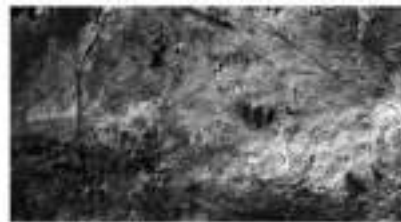


Foto 3. D. Pineda (Cat. S. Riera).



Fig. 13. Peco del Pineda (Pinnago). Alberti. Según Lorenz, 2001.



Fig. 14. Abraja. Según Lorenz, 1964.



Fig. 16. Peco del Pineda. Según González-Armanigo, 2011.

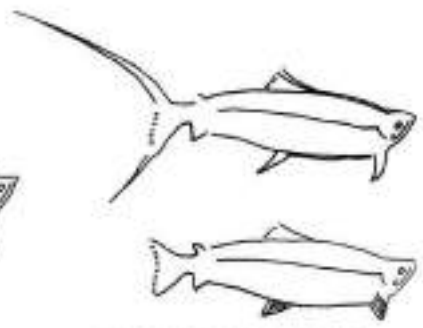


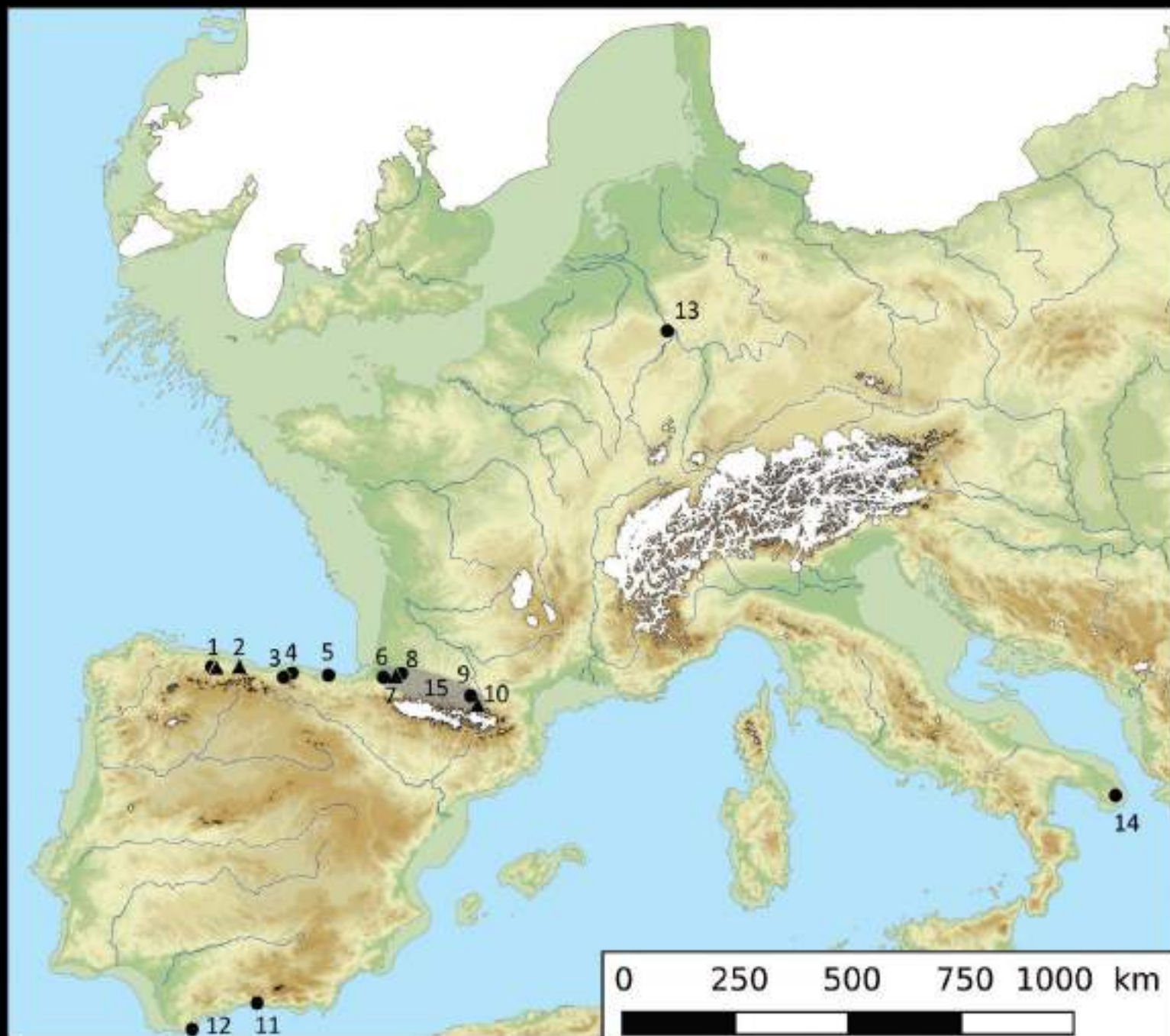
Fig. 15. Peco de D. Pineda. A. Según Riera, 1911. B. Según Lorenz-González, 1967.

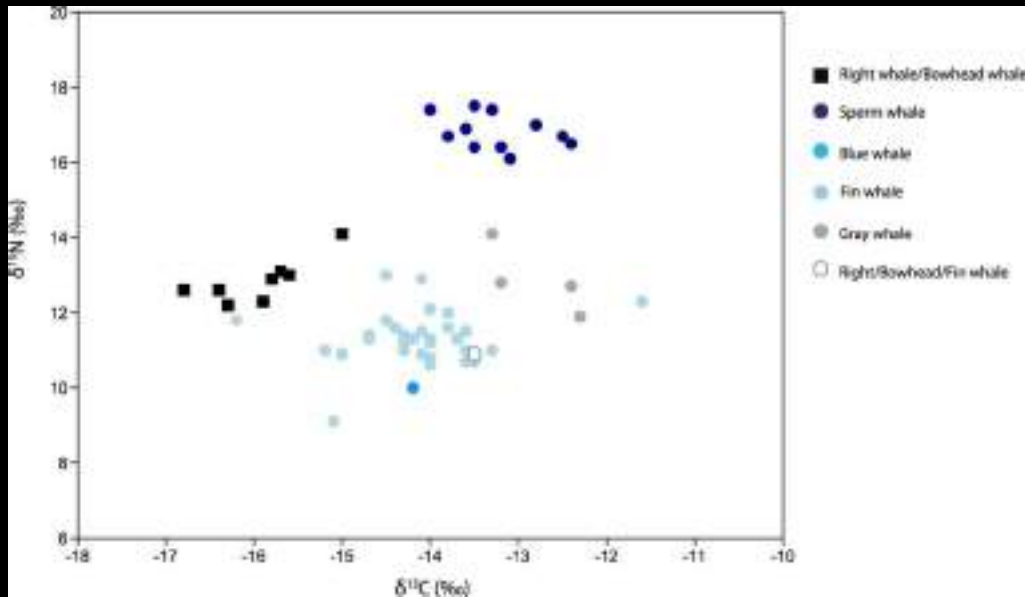




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	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)	$\delta^{15}\text{N}$ (‰)
Fin whales		
average	-14.1	11.3
stdev.	0.76	0.72
min	-16.2	9.1
max	-11.6	13.0
Gray whales		
average	-12.8	12.9
stdev.	0.51	0.93
min	-13.3	11.9
max	-12.3	14.1
Right/bowhead whales		
average	-16.0	12.9
stdev.	0.55	0.60
min	-16.8	12.2
max	-15.0	14.1
Sperm whales		
average	-13.2	16.8
stdev.	0.51	0.47
min	-14.0	16.1
max	-12.4	17.5



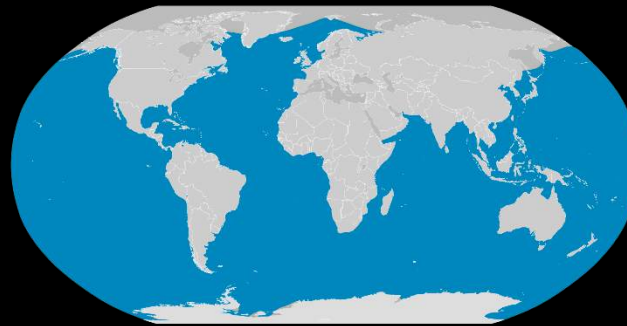
Mazopa



Groenlandiar balea



Kaxalotea



Bale urdina



Zerea



Euskal balea



Bale grisa

Eskerrik asko!

