Abstract

After two field seasons in tola J7, a funerary area attributed to the manteña culture was discovered. Human remains were found in primary (burials) and secondary deposits (packs). The distribution of bones and artifacts reflect a sequence of complex funerary practices that spans from the inhumation of complete corpses to packs of bones. In Ecuador only two other sites show similar features; one from the Preclassic period (Las Vegas) and one from the Formative period (Real Alto). However, the funerary place discovered in Japoto is to date, unknown to the manteña culture.

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