

I apply for a temporary export permit to send two deciduous human teeth to Prof. Jacopo Moggi-Cecchi for non-destructive morphological and comparative metric studies at the University of Firenze, Italy. The teeth are a deciduous lower left first incisor and a deciduous lower left first molar. Both teeth show clear indications of being shed, thus suggesting that they come from two different individuals, because of the different age at which di1 and dm1 are shed. The dm1 has a large caries on its distal (posterior) face.

The incisor comes from Sibudu, square, C4a, Layer Pinkish Grey Sand. This layer has an OSL age of 64.7 kya and is associated with a Howiesons Poort industry.

The molar comes from Sibudu, square B4b, layer BS5. This layer comes from sediment that has been OSL dated to 77.2 kya. It is associated with an industry lacking bifacial points and thought to belong to a pre-Still Bay lithic industry.

The teeth will be cast, measured, and scanned using the sophisticated instruments at the University of Firenze. The teeth will then be returned to South Africa. The teeth will be personally handled by Prof. Moggi-Cecchi who will carry them on his person while travelling.

The publication of the teeth, which are unusual in the MSA context, will be sent to the Journal of Human Evolution, the top international journal in the field of palaeoanthropology.

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