



THE MORMOLO ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT

WHERE: Mormolo Earlier Stone Age sites, Benguela Province, Angola

WHEN: 05-31 August 2024

ABOUT: The fourth fieldwork campaign at the Mormolo open-air Earlier Stone Age sites (c. 600 ka) aims to better understand the lifestyle of early hominins in coastal environments. We will be excavating different localities and will also implement surveys on the raised beach/marine terraces in the southern coastal strip of the Benguela Province. The sites comprise mainly of shell remains and Acheulean quartz artefacts, with rare fossils.

Excavations are usually conducted between 7am and 3pm and the afternoon is reserved for lab work. Students will be integrated into a multidisciplinary research team including Angolan, French, Brazilian and Chinese researchers. Students will be trained in planimetric open-air site excavation and manual recording methods of archaeological artefacts, post-excavation processes and fossiliferous excavations methods.

A good level of physical fitness is required.

SITE DIRECTORS:

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COST: The next fieldwork season of the Franco-Angolan Prehistoric Mission (Foreign Affairs Ministry of France) is proposing to support (**plane tickets, visas, accommodation, and meals**) two students from a University in Southern Africa to

join an international team in excavating various sites from the Earlier Stone Age sites on the Benguela coast in Angola. Funding will be provided through Joan Cogswell Donner Field School Scholarship

MISSION PREHISTORIQUE FRANCO-ANGOLAISE



ELIGIBILITY: Senior Undergraduate (final year of study) and Postgraduate students, who are also a member of the Southern African Archaeological Student Society (SAASS) and have updated their membership details.

REQUIREMENTS:

Students who accept this opportunity are expected to participate for two weeks of the field season.

Vaccine requirements: Yellow Fever & Typhoid (double check latest Covid requirements)

Mandatory medicines during stay: Anti-malarial medication

HOW TO APPLY:

Email the following attachments to the SAASC (officialsaasc@gmail.com)

- 1) A one-page motivation letter (maximum 500 words) detailing the following:
 - a. Why you would like to participate in this project and expectations for the project.
- 2) Proof of Registration from a recognised SADC Institution
- 3) A three page CV, including:
 - a. Your name and contact details.
 - b. Highlights your educational and related Archaeological experience.
 - c. A statement of current grades and academic standing
- 4) One (1) reference letter from an academic mentor, faculty member, or other similar person
 - a. Should include a brief statement on how this experience will benefit your career.

DUE DATE: All application documents must be received by **10 April 2024**

NOTIFICATION: We anticipate notifying all applicants of the award outcome by **24 April 2024**.