polity or quasi-polity where there is such evidence. We are also able to flexibly incorporate multiple lines of evidence and uncertainty as we outline below.

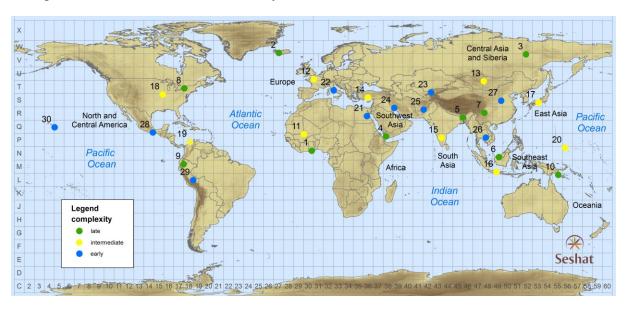


Figure SI1. Locations of the 30 sampling points (Natural Geographic Areas) on the world map. For the key to the NGA numbers see Table SI1. Map adapted from (1).

Table SI1. The World Sample-30. The numbers of NGAs correspond to the numbers in Figures 1 and SI1.

World Region	Late Complexity	Intermediate Complexity	Early Complexity
Africa	Ghanaian Coast (1)	Niger Inland Delta (11)	Upper Egypt (21)
Europe	Iceland (2)	Paris Basin (12)	Latium (22)
Central Eurasia	Lena River Valley (3)	Orkhon Valley (13)	Sogdiana (23)
Southwest Asia	Yemeni Coastal Plain (4)	Konya Plain (14)	Susiana (24)
South Asia	Garo Hills (5)	Deccan (15)	Kachi Plain (25)
Southeast Asia	Kapuasi Basin (6)	Central Java (16)	Cambodian Basin (26)
East Asia	Southern China Hills (7)	Kansai (17)	Middle Yellow River Valley (27)
North America	Finger Lakes (8)	Cahokia (18)	Valley of Oaxaca (28)
South America	Lowland Andes (9)	North Colombia (19)	Cuzco (29)
Oceania- Australia	Oro, PNG (10)	Chuuk Islands (20)	Big Island Hawaii (30)