

Geography and Archaeology on an Adriatic Island, Croatia

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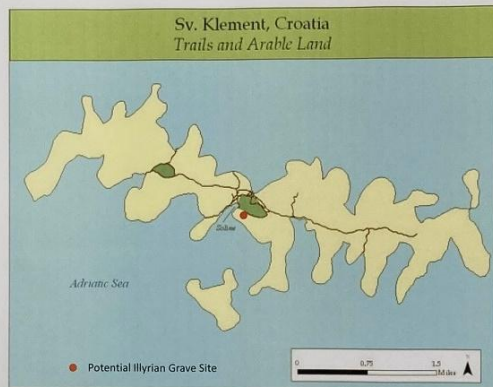
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Background

For centuries, the Adriatic has been a major thoroughfare of goods, peoples, and war. From the Illyrians and the Greeks, to the Romans and the Byzantines, the Croatian islands have been a center for such activities. St. Clement in particular, is just one location that has recently been studied, mainly through archaeological excavations of a Roman villa site. However, more research has led archaeologists to believe that the island may have other sites in the surrounding area that must be surveyed.

Research

I used Geographic information to identify some of these other possible sites and the fields surrounding the current archaeological site. This survey was done in hopes of finding more ancient human activity on the island. One location in particular included the hill to the southeast of the current archaeological site. Its commanding view of the sea on each side of the island and the fields below make the location interesting to archaeologists. A mound of stones on its north slope could be a prehistoric, Illyrian grave site. My work this summer will aid any systematic archaeological survey of this area in the future.



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