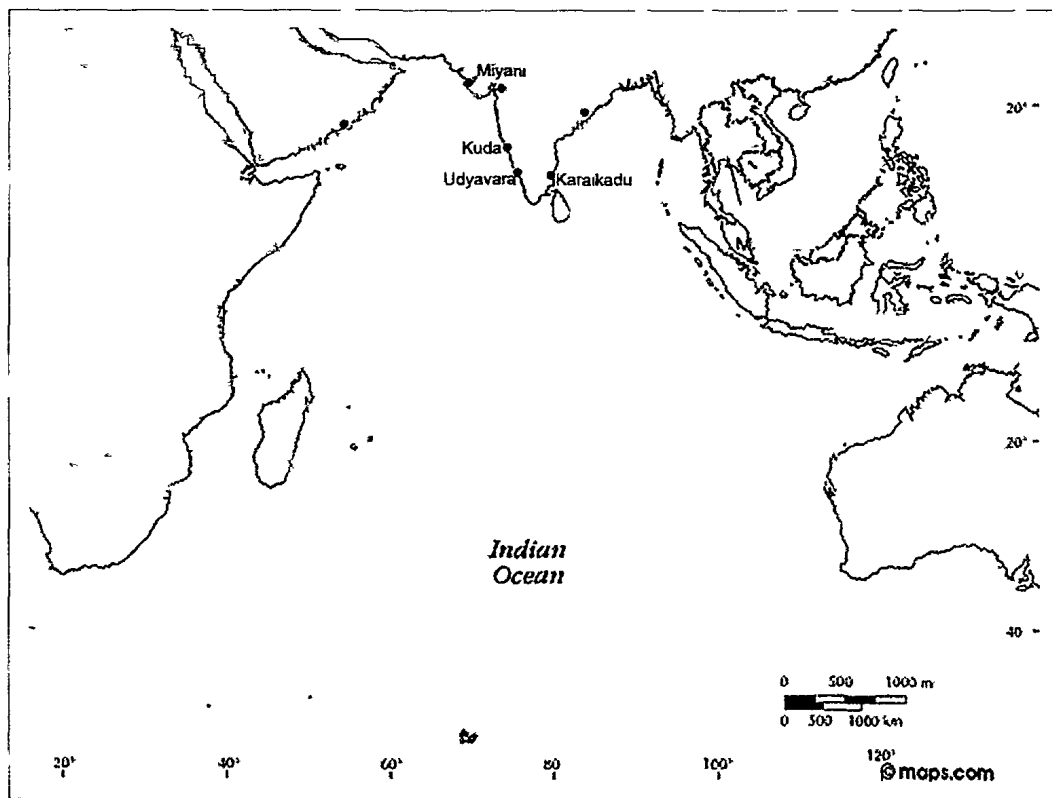


Archaeological Sites on the Indian Ocean Rim

A GROWING DATABASE

This section is designed to act as a platform for reporting explored and excavated sites of all periods located along the Indian Ocean rim. The Indian Ocean is broadly defined. It includes the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, the East African coast from Somalia to South Africa, the Persian Arabian Gulf, the Bay of Bengal, the Gulf of Thailand and the South China Sea. We propose to bring out this section regularly. All sites listed here are located on a map of the Indian Ocean at the beginning of the section. All references are given in full at the end of the section. Guidelines for preparing the database in the prescribed format is given in this section.

1. **Miyani**
2. **Kuda**
3. **Udyavara**
4. **Karaikadu**



Map showing locations of the four coastal sites in the Indian Ocean



Name of Site: **Miyani**

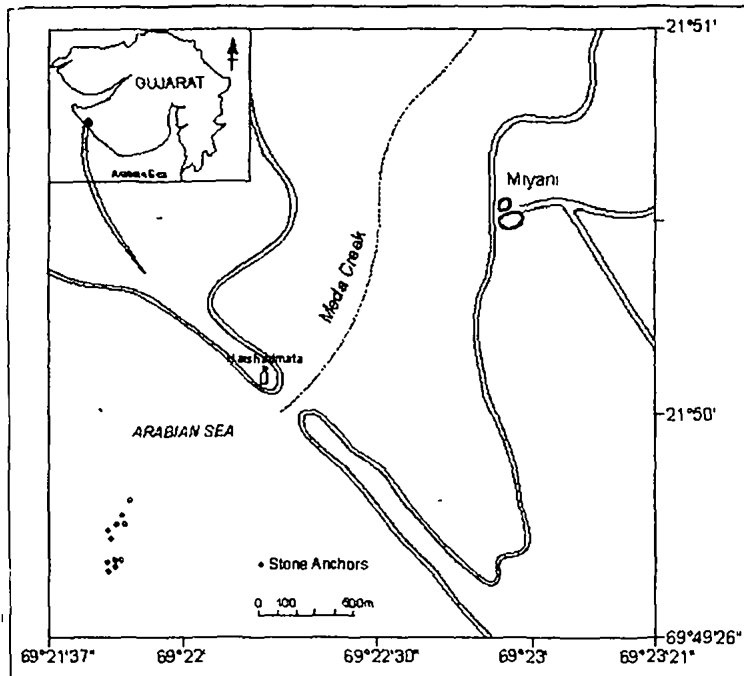


Fig.1: Location of Port of Miyani, Saurashtra

Location: The underwater site is located off Harshad Mata temple about 40 Km southeast of Dwarka.

Historical Identification. Medieval period site as the village has a big group of Solanki period temples.

Extent of Site. From shore it is 500 m and extends from the mouth of creek 500 m west.

Period/Age : Medieval period

Stratigraphy : NA

Chronology : NA

Pottery Types : NA

Structures : NA

Antiquities : More than a dozen stone anchors are lying.

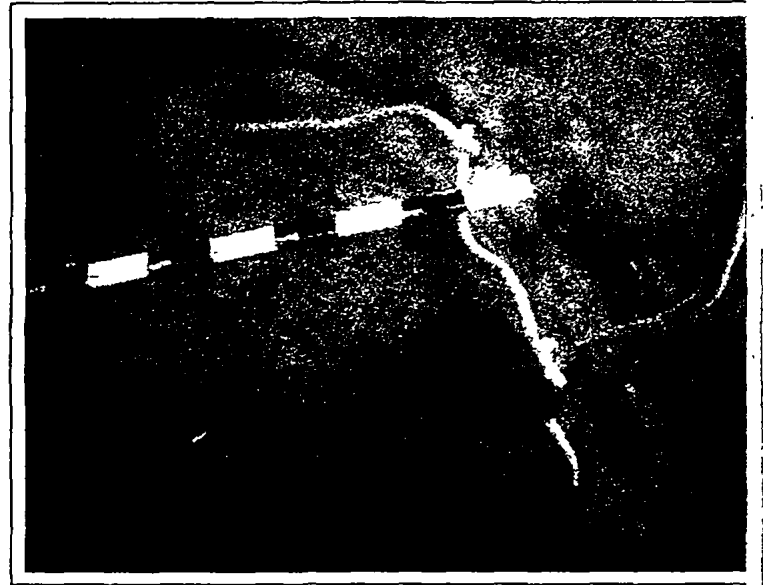


Fig.2: Submerged Stone anchor at Miyani

Remarks : Exploration was carried during 2004-05 season.

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Name of Site: **Kuda-Mandad** (District Ratnagiri, Maharashtra State, India -Lat. 18° 17'N; Long. 73° 8' E)

Location. Early Historic Buddhist rock-cut cave at the head of the Janjira Creek, about 70 kilometres south of Mumbai. Also, there are disturbed cultural deposits with Early Historic pottery scatter found near shore of Janjira Creek in the vicinity of Mandad village (Plate 3A, back cover).

Historical Identification: The Hinayana Buddhist caves at Kuda overlook the inner shore of the Janjira Creek (Fig. 3). These caves carry Brahmi inscriptions of the early centuries CE mentioning

