

A detailed summary of samples submitted for radiocarbon dating and calibrated dates from the three research sites									
Context/matrix description	Level	Radiocarbon Age B.P.	Date	1 σ Error	Lab Number	Sample Number	Material of sample	Sigma ¹³ C Value	1 σ error
Dates from Danamombe Trench I, Main Platform and Test Pit II, Midden									
Trench I Main Platform: Burnt ashy layer lying just below the first four hut floors, but resting on closely packed granite blocks	5 (40–50 cm)	84	1696–1725 1814–1836 1845–1848 1877–1917	31	D-AMS024212	DANAMOMBE Sample 1	Charcoal	98.96	0.38
Trench I Main Platform: Heavily burnt ashy layer extending from well-packed blocks, but situated above Hut Floor 5	11–12 (110–120 cm)	108	1694–1713 1716–1727 1813–1854 1857–1863 1866–1891 1909–1918	24	D-AMS024213	DANAMOMBE Sample 2	Charcoal	98.66	0.29
Trench I Main Platform: Large packed blocks lying just under Hut Floor 6, with signs of heavy burning on its floor surface	16 (150–160 cm)	439	1433–1457	28	D-AMS024214	DANAMOMBE Sample 3	Charcoal	94.68	0.33
Test Pit II/Midden 300 m away from platform: Fine-textured ashy layer	7 (60–70 cm)	185	1665–1682 1736–1786 1792–1805 1935–1950	33	D-AMS024215	DANAMOMBE Sample 4	Charcoal	97.72	0.4
Dates from Naletale Test Pit I, Main Platform									
Test Pit I Naletale Main Platform: Compacted gritty reddish-brown soil just above Hut Floor 1	2 (10–20 cm)	152	1670–1694 1727–1779 1798–1813 1839–1841 1854–1857 1862–1866 1918–1950	29	D-AMS024219	NALETALE Sample 3	Charcoal	98.13	0.36
Test Pit I Naletale Main Platform: Reddish-brown layer just below Hut Floor 1, but extending into packed granite blocks	6–7 (50–70 cm)	170	1669–1683 1736–1780 1798–1805 1934–1945	22	D-AMS024218	NALETALE Sample 2	Charcoal	97.90	0.27
Test Pit I Naletale Main Platform: Neatly packed stones just below Hut Floor 3, these blocks were laid on bedrock	12–13 (110–130 cm)	189	1664–1681 1738–1755 1762–1787 1791–1803 1937–1950	30	D-AMS024217	NALETALE Sample 1	Charcoal	97.67	0.37
Dates from Zinjanja Test Pit II and Test Pit III Midden area									
Zinjanja Test Pit II/Midden 200 m away from Main Platform: Gray compacted soil extending into a sterile layer	7 (60–70 cm)	118	1687–1709 1717–1730 1809–1828 1831–1889 1910–1926	29	D-AMS024220	ZINJANJA Sample 1	Charcoal	98.54	0.36
Zinjanja Test Pit III/Midden 200 m away from Main Platform: Compact, dark gray clayey soil	4 (30–40 cm)	95	1696–1726 1814–1836 1844–1851 1869–1872 1876–1898 1901–1917	26	D-AMS024221	ZINJANJA Sample 2	Charcoal	98.83	0.32

Table S1

A detailed summary of additional radiocarbon samples from Danamombe and calibrated dates									
Dates from Danamombe Trench I, Main Platform and Test Pit II, Midden									
Context/matrix description	Level	Radiocarbon Age B.P.	Date	1 σ Error	Lab Number	Sample Number	Material of Sample	Sigma ¹³ C Value	
								pMC	1 σ error
Trench I Main Platform: Burnt ashy layer lying just below the first four hut floors, but resting on closely packed granite blocks	40–50 (4–5 cm)	82	1696–1725 1814–1836 1845–1850 1877–1917	33	D-AMS025194	DANAMOMBE Sample	Charcoal	98.98	0.41
Trench I Main Platform: Heavily burnt ashy layer extending from well-packed blocks, but situated above Hut Floor 5	11–12 (110–120 cm)	135	1681–1699 1721–1739 1744–1763 1802–1818 1833–1879 1915–1938	28	D-AMS025195	DANAMOMBE Sample	Charcoal	98.33	0.34
Trench I Main Platform: Large packed blocks lying just under Hut Floor 6 with signs of heavy burning on its floor surface	16 (150–160 cm)	401	1443–1493 1602–1613	32	D-AMS025196	DANAMOMBE Sample	Charcoal	95.13	0.38
Trench I Main Platform: Artificial platform of large and small packed blocks mixed with loose gritty soil	21 (200–210 cm)	74	1707–1719 1820–1821 1825–1832 1884–1913	18	D-AMS025197	DANAMOMBE Sample	Charcoal	99.09	0.22

Table S2