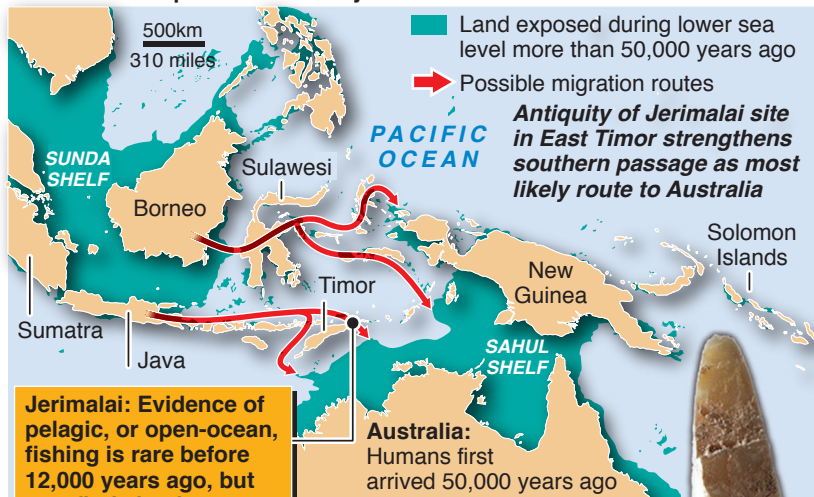


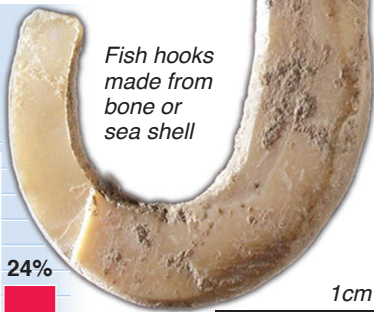
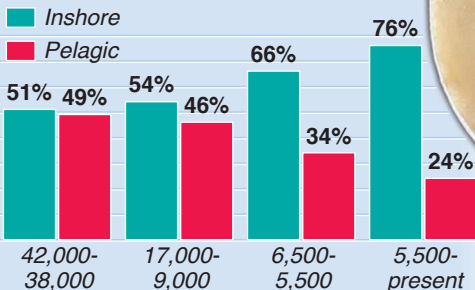
Fish hooks point to ancient seafarers' route

Remains of large fish and ancient fishing gear dating back about 42,000 years and found at a shelter in East Timor, suggest modern humans possessed high levels of maritime skills and technology that would have made possible the early colonization of Australia and Oceania



Capturing pelagic fish such as tuna requires high levels of planning and complex technology, including use of hooks and probably water craft

SPECIES FISHED: Increase of inshore species may reflect stabilization of sea level, warmer temperatures, and establishment of reef habitats



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