

Oceania

Lapita

Years BP: 3500 - 2000

Location: Island Melanesia, Coastal New Guinea, Western Polynesia.

Description: Semi-sedentary colonizers of Oceania with an economy based on marine resources. Social organization likely based on ranked clans. First pottery manufacturers in Oceania.

OAT code: 5005

OWC code: O050

Fijian

Years BP: 2100 - 200

Location: Fiji Islands.

Description: Ancestral to historic Fiji culture. Politically centralized and sedentary horticulturalists with plant foods supplemented by pigs and fish. Political centralization appears to increase through time. Fortifications are built by 900 BP. Ceramics change from impressed to incised by 900 BP.

OAT code: 5010

OWC code: OQ50

Samoa

Years BP: 2000 - 200

Location: Samoan Islands.

Description: Politically centralized and sedentary horticulturalists living in coastal communities. Plant foods supplemented by pigs and fish. Ancestral to historic Samoan culture. Political centralization appears to increase through time, as to large ceremonial constructions increase. Completely aceramic.

OAT code: 5015

OWC code: OU40

Tongan

Years BP: 2000 - 200

Location: Tongan Islands.

Description: Politically centralized and sedentary horticulturalists living in coastal communities. Plant foods supplemented by pigs and fish. Ancestral to historic Tongan culture. Political centralization appears to increase through time, as to large ceremonial constructions increase. Completely aceramic.

OAT code: 5020

OWC code: OU80

Marquesan

Years BP: 1700 - 175

Location: Marquesas Islands.

Description: Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in chiefdoms. Ancestral to historic Marquesan culture. May be ancestral to most eastern Polynesian cultures.

OAT code: 5030

OWC code: OX60

- Hawaiian** *Years BP:* 800 - 200
- Location:* Hawaiian Islands.
- Description:* Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in complex chiefdoms. Ancestral to historic Hawaiian culture. First clear evidence of agriculture at 800 BP, first clear evidence of chiefs at 600 BP. Political centralization appears to increase through time.
- OAT code:* 5035 *OWC code:* OV50
- Tahitian** *Years BP:* 1400 - 200
- Location:* Society Islands.
- Description:* Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in complex chiefdoms. Ancestral to historic Tahitian culture.
- OAT code:* 5040 *OWC code:* OX80
- Easter Island** *Years BP:* 1500 - 400
- Location:* Easter Island.
- Description:* Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in a complex chiefdom. Collapsed in the late prehistoric period. Sophisticated religious/ritual system prompted the construction of complex structures and massive stone effigies.
- OAT code:* 5045 *OWC code:* OY50
- Maori** *Years BP:* 900 - 200
- Location:* New Zealand.
- Description:* Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in complex chiefdoms. Ancestral to the historic Maori.
- OAT code:* 5050 *OWC code:* OZ70
- New Guinea Neolithic** *Years BP:* 10000 - 100
- Location:* Central highlands of New Guinea.
- Description:* Sedentary horticulturalists and pig herders living in small egalitarian communities. Ancestral to historic peoples of highland New Guinea.
- OAT code:* 5070 *OWC code:* OJ50
- Melanesian** *Years BP:* 2500 - 200
- Location:* Islands of Melanesia.
- Description:* Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in egalitarian or ranked societies, and with a strongly marine-oriented lifestyle. Ancestral to the historic peoples of Melanesia. Expands throughout Melanesia by 3500 BP.
- OAT code:* 5075 *OWC code:* OK50

Micronesian**Years BP:** 3000 - 200*Location:* Islands of Micronesia.*Description:* Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in small, egalitarian or ranked villages on the tiny islands of Micronesia. A strongly marine-oriented lifestyle. Ancestral to the historic peoples of Micronesia.*OAT code:* 5080*OWC code:* OR50**Early Australian****Years BP:** 50000 - 7000*Location:* Australia, New Guinea, and Melanesia.*Description:* Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian bands.*OAT code:* 5085*OWC code:* OI50**Late Australian****Years BP:** 7000 - 200*Location:* Australia.*Description:* Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian bands. Ancestral to historic Aboriginal peoples. Marked by a change in technology towards small flake tools, and by apparently greater status differences and more elaborate individual / group ceremonialism.*OAT code:* 5090*OWC code:* OI60