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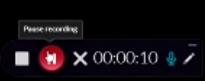


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Harbors with Artificial Port Structures Mauretania Mauretania Tingitana / Caesariensis Proconsularis 1000 km 500

- Numbers = ports positively identified
- Letters = ports possibly identified

- 2. lol Caesarea
- Ras el Meskouta
- 4. Thalefsa

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Definitions

- · "enclosure" = an artificial basin created either by the construction of breakwaters and jetties, or by the excavation of a basin along the coastline.
- "jetty" = a structure extending into the water from the shoreline that enables boats to dock along its length.
- "breakwater" = manmade structure unconnected to shore.
- "quay" = dock that runs parallel to the shoreline
- "artificial port structure" = generic term for all above features.
- "wharf length" = the measure of the entire space available to boats for docking in a harbor.
- Further discussion of definitions in D. Stone, American Journal of Archaeology 118.4, 565-600









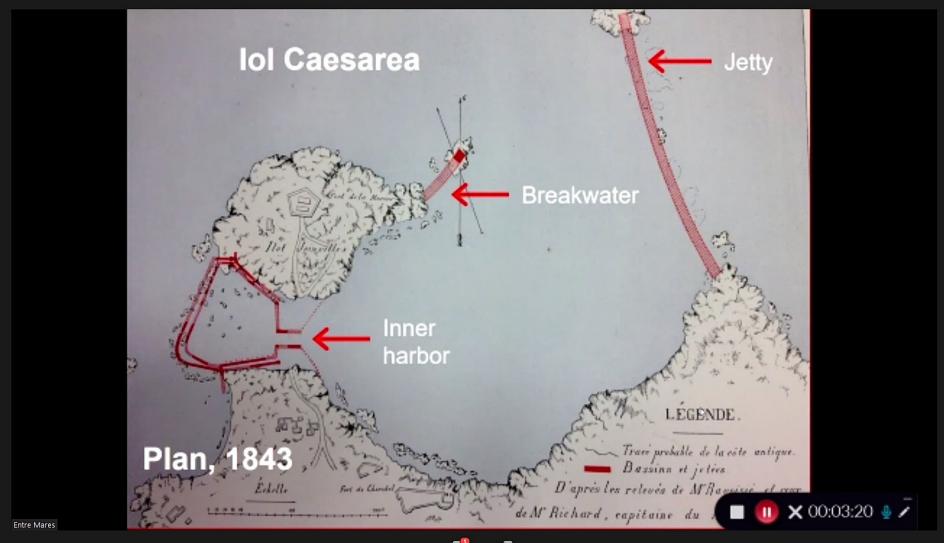






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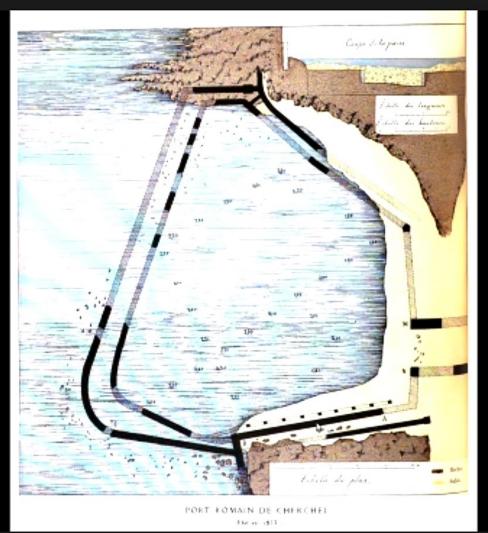




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Inner harbor, 1843















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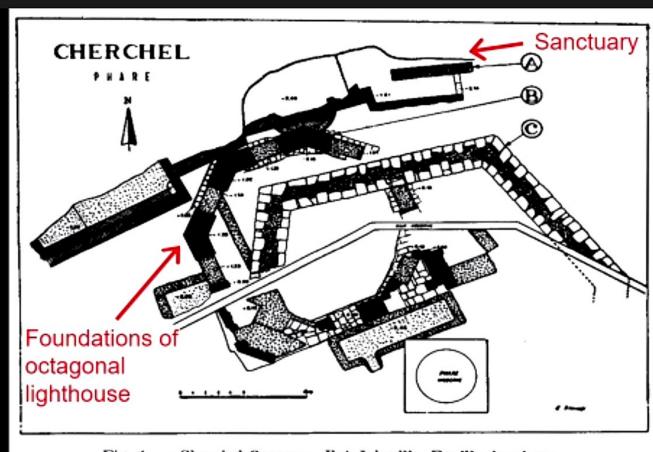


Fig. 4. - Cherchel-Caesarea. Ilot Joinville. Fouille du phare. (Photo E. Stawaski.)

A. Restes du sanctuaire à abside. - B. Le phare antique. C. Les fondations du fort turc.





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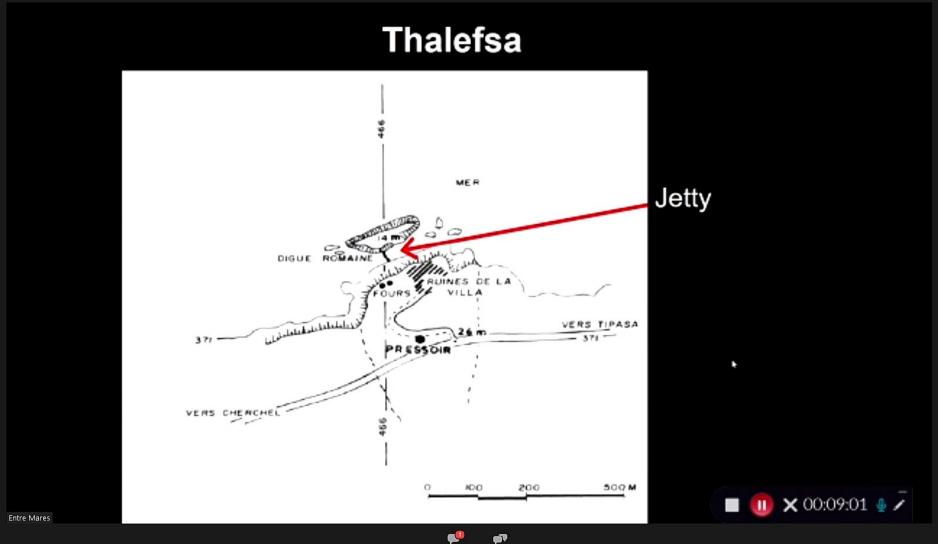
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Ports in Need of Modern Investigation

- Cissi Remains indicated in Gsell 1911
- Gunugu Remains indicated in Gsell 1911, Lehmann-Hartleben 1923
- Igigili Remains indicated in Berbrugger 1867; Geog. Compendaria 40
- Iomnium?/Rusuccuru? Remains indicated in Gavault 1897, Gsell 1911
- Muslubium Vaglieri in NSc 1912; Tab. Peut. 2.5; Geog. Ravenna
- Rusicade/Stora two distinct areas of blocks at Stora, 3 km from ancient Rusicade in Yorke and Davidson 1969, but cf. Vars 1896
- Rusguniae Remains indicated in Chardon 1900
- Rusubbicari Remains indicated in Gsell 1911
- Saldae Remains indicated in Gsell 1911
- Ziama Remains indicated in Pousset 1909

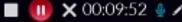
















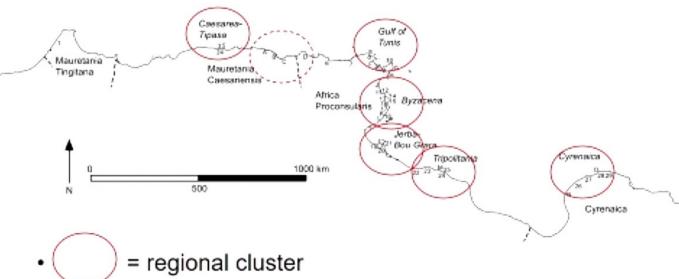




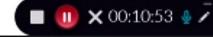




Regional port clusters in North Africa



- 1, 2, 3 ... = definite ports
- A, B, C = possible ports



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