

# Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2007 – 8th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 4 July 07 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	A5	A5	F2 balk	E8	A5	Nave
Loci	L1225	L1222	L563 L567	L548	L1226	
Baskets	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	
Walls	W1220, W1221, W1221					
Floors	F1214					

- Continued work in Square F2
  - Starting elevation = 130.58
  - Ending elevation = lowest step 130.635; top stone of podium/fixture 131.119; floor area 130.531.
  - Removed east balk
  - Two column drums were in the balk. They were placed on the stylobate. The position of their fall suggests that they came from a missing column base on the stylobate. Both are 52cm in diameter. The lower one is 90cm in length, the upper one is 58cm.
  - A bovine bone was found between the column bases (perhaps the animal was trapped when the column fell)
  - Square was leveled to the approx level of F1214.
  - Began to remove balk from stepped podium
  - Plan to move to F0 to get a sense for the outside dimension of the site.
- Continued work in Square E8
  - Starting elevation = 130.22 (average) 129.88 (lowest)
  - Ending elevation = average north side 130.011; average south side 130.071
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - Removed much heavy fill from the eastern half of the square. Estimate dept to street to be .5-1m.
- Continued conservation work on the nave

- All dirt has been removed from the final layer of covering. Most of the mosaic is undamaged. Drawing begins on Sunday.
- Continued work on Square A5
  - Starting elevation = southeast room average 132.658; northeast room average 133.224; cardo 132.539; W1221 133.028
  - Ending elevations = northeast room (L1225) 132.786; cardo inside church area (L1226) 132.296
  - Soil is Horizon A
  - For the sake of excavation, we assumed that W1224 is the southerly end of the complex. So we confined ourselves to work north of that line.
  - In the “cardo area” inside the church boundary, a change in soil color called for a change in locus. The area is mostly soil.
  - To the east of W1221 and north of W1220, we are removing only the Horizon A soil. Since the room is not part of the church complex, we do not intend to excavate it, except enough to show its existence.
  - The north side of W1220 has not clearly emerged, as is also somewhat the case with the east side of W1221. More excavation of L1225 is needed.

#### Observations

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