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## Preface

The Monbusho International Symposium, "Foraging and Post-Foraging Societies: History, Politics and the Future", which formed the 8th International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies (CHAGS 8) was held at the National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan on 26 through 30 October, 1998. Associated sessions were held in Aomori (October 21-25) and Hokkaido (October 30-31) to discuss socio-political variation and changes in hunter-gatherer societies, trapping and hunting in Northern Eurasia, hunter-gatherers in different environments, and Jomon studies at Sannai Maruyama and Komakino in the context of North Pacific Rim archaeology.

This volume presents part of the results of the formal Aomori sessions — those with the exception of trapping and hunting in Northern Eurasia — as well as the public symposia. During these sessions, approximately 20 researchers presented papers that focused on these topics. Among these, this volume presents those papers that a) focused on the archaeology of the North Pacific Rim, and b) shared a common theme in that they explicitly or implicitly dealt with the origins and development of complex hunter-gatherers. In addition, in order to expand the areal and methodological coverage, several additional papers were solicited. While we do not claim that we have reached any final conclusions on the nature of prehistoric North Pacific Rim societies, nor of the development of social complexity among these societies, we do believe that the series of papers raise important and interesting issues for further research and discussion.

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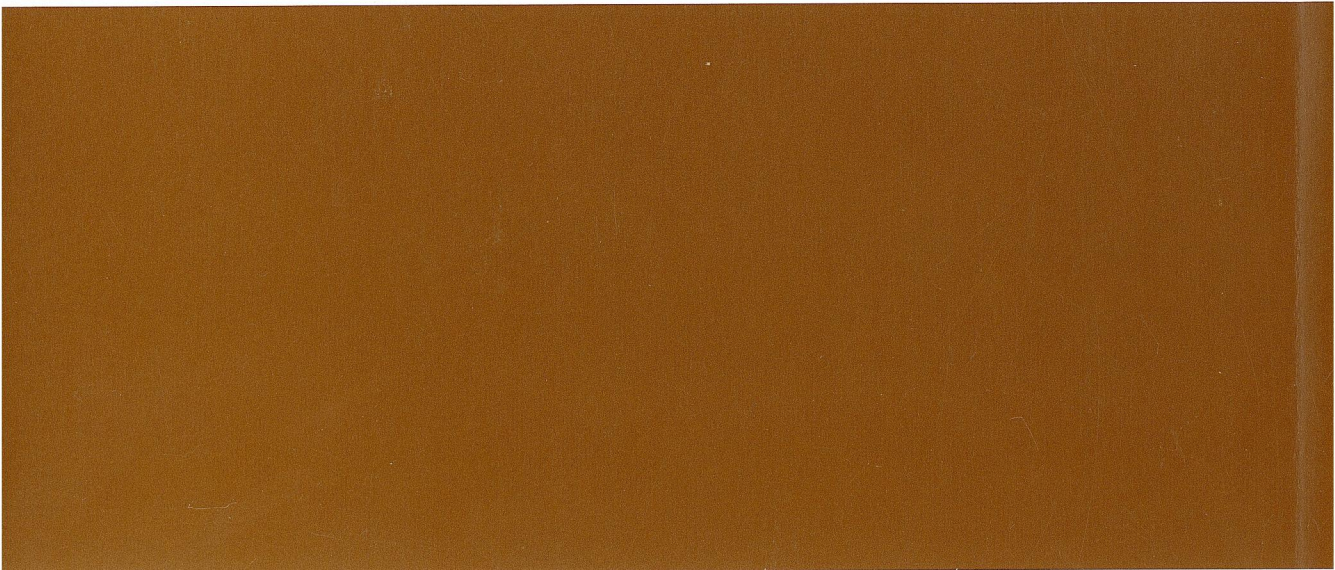
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