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# Biosilicate analysis of residue in Maya dedicatory cache vessels from Blue Creek, Belize

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### Abstract

Residues from nine ancient Maya dedicatory vessels were analyzed for biosilicates. In all cases, the analysis was successful in identifying plant and sponge remains that had been placed in the vessels. This analysis sheds light on ancient Maya plant use as well as ritual and religious practices.



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