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Mass grave Korićanske stijene

Excavations and recovery operations at Korićanske stijene were conducted over multiple phases between 2003 and 2017 at a steep cliff site on Mount Vlasic, where victims of a 1992 mass killing were thrown into a deep canyon. Initial recovery efforts on 15-16 May 2003 resulted in 29 cases of human remains recovered from approximately 100 meters below the road.

Further activities in May 2003 were followed by a more extensive operation from 22 July to 5 August 2009, during which 94 fully skeletonized and, in some cases, burnt sets of remains were recovered from a wide surface area at the base of the cliff. Remains were highly scattered due to prolonged exposure to environmental conditions and scavengers, and were occasionally associated with civilian clothing.

A subsequent operation from 11 to 22 September 2017, conducted with ICMP support, resulted in the recovery of 136 cases of human remains, including one complete body and 135 body parts, as well as 19 artifacts and 40 bags of commingled bones collected across multiple sectors. In total, the site has yielded a large number of disarticulated and fragmented remains, reflecting both the manner of death and post-depositional processes. DNA analysis has generated 1,460 reports, identifying at least 182 individuals, with a high number of reassociations (1,278), indicating extensive mixing of remains.

DNA statistics

Report category	Value
Total number of DNA reports	1,460
Number of DNA reports for different individuals	182
Number of reassociation DNA reports	1,278

Please note

Over the years, the exhumation process of victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina has involved various domestic institutions and international organizations, including the former Entity-level commissions for missing persons, the ICTY, OHR, PHR, and ICMP. The information presented here is compiled from ICMP's technical assistance in the field and in mortuary settings, combined with data available from other sources. For some excavations, ICMP was not in a position to obtain information.