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History from the sea

An ancient ship has (0) discovered beneath the waters of the Mediterranean. The ship, (13) sank off the coast of Tunisia more than 2,300 years ago, is already giving historians fresh insights (14) trade and diet in the ancient world.

The remains of the ship (15) found last August on the final day of an expedition undertaken (16) American scientist Robin Asquith. Three of his team, (17) were using a miniature submarine to explore the seabed, spotted rows of storage jars and some rotted wood. (18) of the jars was brought to the surface by a diver, and inside it the scientists found bones belonging to freshwater fish, and some olive stones.

After examining the contents and design of the jar and other evidence, Dr Asquith concluded that the ship (19) been following a trade route when (20) sank, probably in a storm. He intends to return to the site of the shipwreck, 32 km from the coast, (21) that he can conduct further investigations. He hopes to excavate making use (22) a new robot that uses sound to make a computer plan of the wreck, and in this way create (23) accurate picture of (24) the ship looked like.