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# 1. Introduction

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This volume contains reports by a range of specialists on the artefacts recovered during the surveys and excavations within the SARS Concession. It excludes the pottery vessels which are dealt with separately in Volume IV.2 (Welsby Sjöström and Thomas 2026). Only some of this material, that housed in the British Museum, was available for study at the time of writing the reports. As a result the specialists were forced to rely, partly or totally, on the recording done in the field often by people who were not experts in the categories of material being described. Much of the material described by Piotr Osypiński, however, was actually collected by him in the field.

Where possible the artefacts are cross-referenced with the sites from which they came, published in the gazetteer volumes, II.1 and II.2 and the excavation volumes III.1, III.2 and III.3.

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| B-  | beads catalogue                                                          |
| BM- | basketry and matting catalogue                                           |
| F-  | small finds catalogue                                                    |
| G-  | glass vessels catalogue                                                  |
| LS- | leather and skin catalogue                                               |
| L-  | lithics                                                                  |
| ML- | macro-lithics, grinding bases, grinders,<br>hammerstones etc.            |
| Sc- | scarab catalogue                                                         |
| SF: | objects collected but not specifically<br>described in the finds reports |

Most of the artefacts included in this volume, apart from many of the macro-lithics, were retained for permanent curation. Following the division of antiquities the material donated by NCAM to the Sudan Archaeological Research Society was passed on to the Department of Egypt and Sudan at the British Museum in the care of which it is expected to remain in perpetuity.

The fate of the material deposited in the Sudan National Museum remains uncertain at the time of writing.

## Abbreviations used

|                                                                                |                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| D                                                                              | diameter                 |
| HD                                                                             | hole diameter            |
| T                                                                              | thickness                |
| L                                                                              | length                   |
| W                                                                              | width                    |
| H                                                                              | height                   |
| *                                                                              | drawing published        |
| +                                                                              | photograph published     |
| [EA .....]                                                                     | British Museum number    |
| ND                                                                             | not diagnostic / no data |
| + following a dimension indicates that the<br>dimension was originally greater |                          |

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