

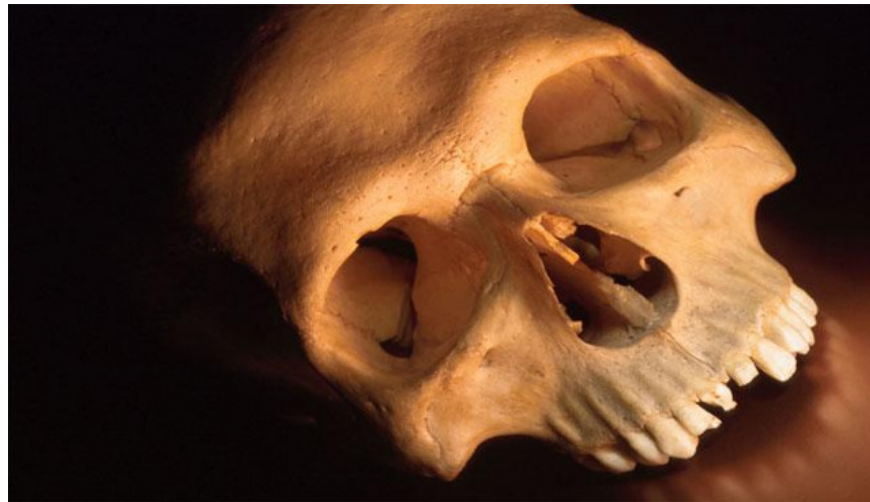
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The skull discovered in 1929 near the town of Aitape and the latest information said the skull was originally thought to be *Homo erectus*, the ancestor of modern humans, according to a report published on the BBC's website.

However, scientists have said that this area used to be a coastal lagoon that was devastated by tsunamis 6,000 years ago. They believe that the skull belongs to a person who died in that tsunami.



The discovery came after the international team compared sediments from the area with the soil from a nearby area affected by the devastating tsunami in 1998.

The BBC's James Goff from the University of New South Wales said: " *Although the skull bones have been thoroughly studied, before, science has paid little attention to the sediments where they were excavated .*

" *Geographical similarities in sediments show that humans experienced tsunamis in this area for thousands of years,*" he said. " *We conclude that this person died a long time ago. probably the oldest tsunami victim in the world .* "

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