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According to researchers from the Institute of Earth Sciences at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Israel's Geological Survey, these remnants date to about 9 million years old.



This discovery was made by two doctoral candidates at the university, Alexis Rosenbaum and Dotan Shaked-Gelband, who are reconstructing the lake history stages to analyze the composition of nearby seas.

The researchers said: " *The bones were submerged in a coastal sediment, and assumed that the animal seemed to have died on the shore of the lake and was eroded down .*"

"The presence of ancient deer is not uncommon in animal groups during the same ancient period, but this is the first time that these particular remnants have been discovered in Israel. This is related too. Extinct of ancient animals and how it was buried in the past. "

The researchers added that the presence of this ancient deer bone is also " *a sign of a rich world of terrestrial animals* " and they may come from other areas of the Levant and the Mediterranean region.

They said, " *Moreover, the development of freshwater populations in the Miocene Era (23 to 5.3 million years ago) in the Mediterranean basin allows distribution of deer and reindeer from Asia. The West*".

The researchers say that these studies are of great importance for a better understanding of recent regional climate change as well as the development of the Mediterranean Sea.

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