# Supplementary material

**Supplemental Table 1:** List of published archaeological finds on Kilimanjaro shown in Figure 6 (corresponding numbers in the first column). Conventional radiocarbon dates (with reported laboratory error) of charcoal found at the archaeological sites are also listed (Odner, 1971; Mturi, 1986). GX laboratory code, Geochron Laboratories, Cambridge, MA, USA; N laboratory code, Nishina Memorial, Japan. The estimated coordinates for the site locations are presented in a spreadsheet along with these Supplementary Materials.

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| **Number** | **Site name** | **Reference** | **Radiocarbon age (14C years BP, 1σ error)** | **Laboratory code** |
| 1 | Maua farm | Mturi, 1986 | 1545±140 | GX-3348 |
| 2160±190 | GX-3347 |
| 4140±200 | GX-3346 |
| 2 | Wasendo Madukani | Mturi, 1986 | 1420±135 | GX-3916 |
| 1885±120 | GX-3910 |
| 1895±120 | GX-3915 |
| 2170±165 | GX-3913 |
| 3145±160 | GX-3912 |
| 3200±180 | GX-3914 |
| 3225±140 | GX-3911 |
| 3 | Lemigushira | Mturi, 1986 |   |  |
| 4 | Simba 1 | Mturi, 1986 | 4930±180 | GX-3917 |
| 5020±165 | GX-3918 |
| 5 | Mwika III | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 6 | Lombeta III | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 7 | Farm No.8. 01 Molog | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 8 | Arisi II | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 9 | Old Moshi I | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 10 | Mwika I | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 11 | Mwika IV | Odner, 1971 | 1700±330 | N-883 |
| 12 | Lombeta II | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 13 | Kirima Lower Primary School | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 14 | Kirima II | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 15 | Machame Kisiki | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 16 | Marangu Market I | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 17 | Lombeta VI | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 18 | Mwika VI | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 19 | Hamurukana | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 20 | Lombeta I | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 21 | Lombeta IV | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 22 | Lombeta V | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 23 | Rombo | Kiriama, 1990; Shoemaker, 2018 |   |  |
| 24 | Mwika II | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 25 | Mwika V | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 26 | Marangu East | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 27 | Kirefure | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 28 | Arisi I | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 29 | Marangu Teachers' College | Odner, 1971 | 745±190 | N-882 |
| 30 | Sembetti School 3 | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 31 | Sembetti II | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 32 | Sembetti III | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 33 | Lombeta VII | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 34 | Old Moshi II | Odner, 1971 | 2260±430 | N-884 |
| 35 | Kibosho Mkorina | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 36 | Matunda | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 37 | Kombo | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 38 | Nkweseko II | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 39 | Nkweseko III | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 40 | Nkweseko IV | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 41 | Narumu Orori | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 42 | Kikafu Cave | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 43 | Sienyi | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 44 | Kalali I | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 45 | Kalali II | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 46 | Nshahara | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 47 | Kihalia | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 48 | Ngare Nairobi north | Odner, 1971 |   |  |
| 49 | Wasendo Glade | Odner, 1971 |   |  |

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**Supplemental Table 2:** List of accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS) and one conventional radiocarbon dates associated with iron working archaeological material at Mwanga, North Pare Mountains, Tanzania (Iles et al., 2019), used in Figure 7. AA laboratory code, NSF-Arizona AMS Facility, USA; LTL laboratory code CEDAD - AMS Radiocarbon Dating and IBA Facility, Italy; N laboratory code, Nishina Memorial, Japan (conventional radiocarbon dating).

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| **Site** | **Reference** | **14C age, 1σ error****(14C years)** | **Laboratory code** |
| Mwanga A | Iles et al., 2018 | 862 ± 40 | LTL5138A |
| Mwanga C | Odner, 1971b | 1020 ± 110 | N-649 |
| Mwanga C | Iles et al., 2018 | 560 ± 50 | LTL5140A |
| Mwanga G | Iles et al., 2018 | 366 ± 45 | LTL5139A |
| Mwanga G | Iles et al., 2018 | 873 ± 36 | AA103978 |
| Campi ya Simba | Iles et al., 2018 | 900 ± 36 | AA103979 |
| Campi ya Simba | Iles et al., 2018 | 927 ± 36 | AA103980 |
| Campi ya Simba | Iles et al., 2018 | 945 ± 36 | AA103981 |
| Campi ya Simba | Iles et al., 2018 | 900 ± 36 | AA103982 |
| Ngalanga | Iles et al., 2018 | 194 ± 45 | LTL5136A |
| Ngalanga | Iles et al., 2018 | 236 ± 41 | AA103983 |
| Ngalanga | Iles et al., 2018 | 278 ± 42 | AA103976 |
| Ngalanga | Iles et al., 2018 | 261 ± 41 | AA103975 |
| Ngalanga | Iles et al., 2018 | 245 ± 41 | AA103974 |

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**Supplemental Figure 1:** Biplots of principal components analysis (PCA; Pearson, 1901; Hotelling, 1933) of the relative pollen abundances (square-root transformed) and charcoal accumulation rate (CHAR, charcoal >125 m, log transformed) data from the same sampling level (co-located pollen and CHAR samples), excluding rare taxa with <1% relative abundance. Taxa in bold font are plotted as relative abundances in Figure 6. Data analysis was done using C2 software version 1.7.7 (Juggins, 2007).



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