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My current research is on the long term (>500 years) historical ecology of East African landscapes, with particular reference to the consequences of the shifting 69/2). I am currently in the

into a multi-sited one (in both the literal sense of in several different localities working on different coast, UK industrial processing & consumption, New ion, Indian working and consumption, etc.) the ivory use implied by Marcus's definition of 'multi-sited ography' approach. There is an obvious tie in with f other members of the network – notably James ins from Salem who were especially instrumental in side of the 19

th century ivory commodity chain.

Additionally I have active research interests in the maritime archaeology of the Indian Ocean (from the very earliest evidence of human utilisation of marine & coastal resources to the recent past); in the archaeology of colonial encounters (in East Africa, notably Portuguese, German & British, but French & Dutch activity is also of interest); and in the history and archaeology of slavery and its consequences in the Indian Ocean region. In all of this work I am interested in tracking climatic and vegetation change, the drivers of these changes and their consequences for human societies both in the past and also in the present day and even in the future. More generally, I am part of a newly constituted Indian Ocean Archaeology World Universities Network – which had its first meeting in Perth, Western Australia, last month, and will meet again in February 2013 at the British Museum. I am also an advisor to the University of Oxford Sealinks project (<http://sealinks.arch.ox.ac.uk/>), which is currently investigating the timing, sequence and agents involved in much older biological transfers around the Indian Ocean – particularly SE Asian domesticates to Africa and African domesticates to the Indian subcontinent.