

Miocene mammals from Lisbon and geologic age A showcase for marine-continental correlations

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The Lower Tagus basin in Lisbon and Setúbal Peninsula offers excellent conditions for marine-continental correlations, especially for Lower and Middle Miocene. A research Program was long (1960) conceived by us and is being carried on since then. Among its main goals, it deals with Stratigraphy, Palaeontology (and Palaeoecology and Palaeoclimatology), accurate dating (planktic foraminifera, K-Ar, Sr isotopes), other isotope data (O, C) and related tectonic events.

A huge volume of data has been obtained, much improving the already significant earlier status of knowledge. The time seems adequate for trying a global (and much more accurate) synthesis.

The following items will be presented:

- a corrected list of Lower and early Middle Miocene (mostly non marine) mammals, completed and thoroughly revised since earlier attempts (Antunes, 1984; Antunes *in* Antunes *et al.*, 1996).
- an updated model of the Lower Tagus Basin at its distal part (Lisbon & Setúbal Peninsula); the levels that yielded non marine mammals are shown in their accurate frame of marine units and age.
- an overview of environmental evolution, especially on temperature and moisture shifts.

The list of medium to large-sized mammals has been made possible owing to contributions by (among others) Léonard Ginsburg (Paris), Maria Teresa Alberdi & Jorge Morales (Madrid) and the author; for small mammals, by Pierre Mein (Lyon).

The geologic setting is mostly due in its present form to João Pais & Paulo Legoinha (Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia, UNL) with author's help. Most general data on vertebrate fauna (including fishes, reptiles and mammals) have been provided by M.T. Antunes.

Table 1

Lower and early Middle Miocene mammals from Lisboa

The ruminants are referred according to Antunes *et al.* (1994). Large to medium-sized mammals have been revised by L. Ginsburg (Paris) and the author. The small mammals were revised by P. Mein (Lyon).
Main localities: H. Tripas = Horta das Tripas; U.Cat. = Universidade Católica; Av. Urug. = Avenida do Uruguai; Qt. Narig. = Quinta do Narigão; Cr. Rei = Cristo Rei; Qt. Pomb/Pedreiras = Quinta do Pombeiro / Quinta das Pedreiras.

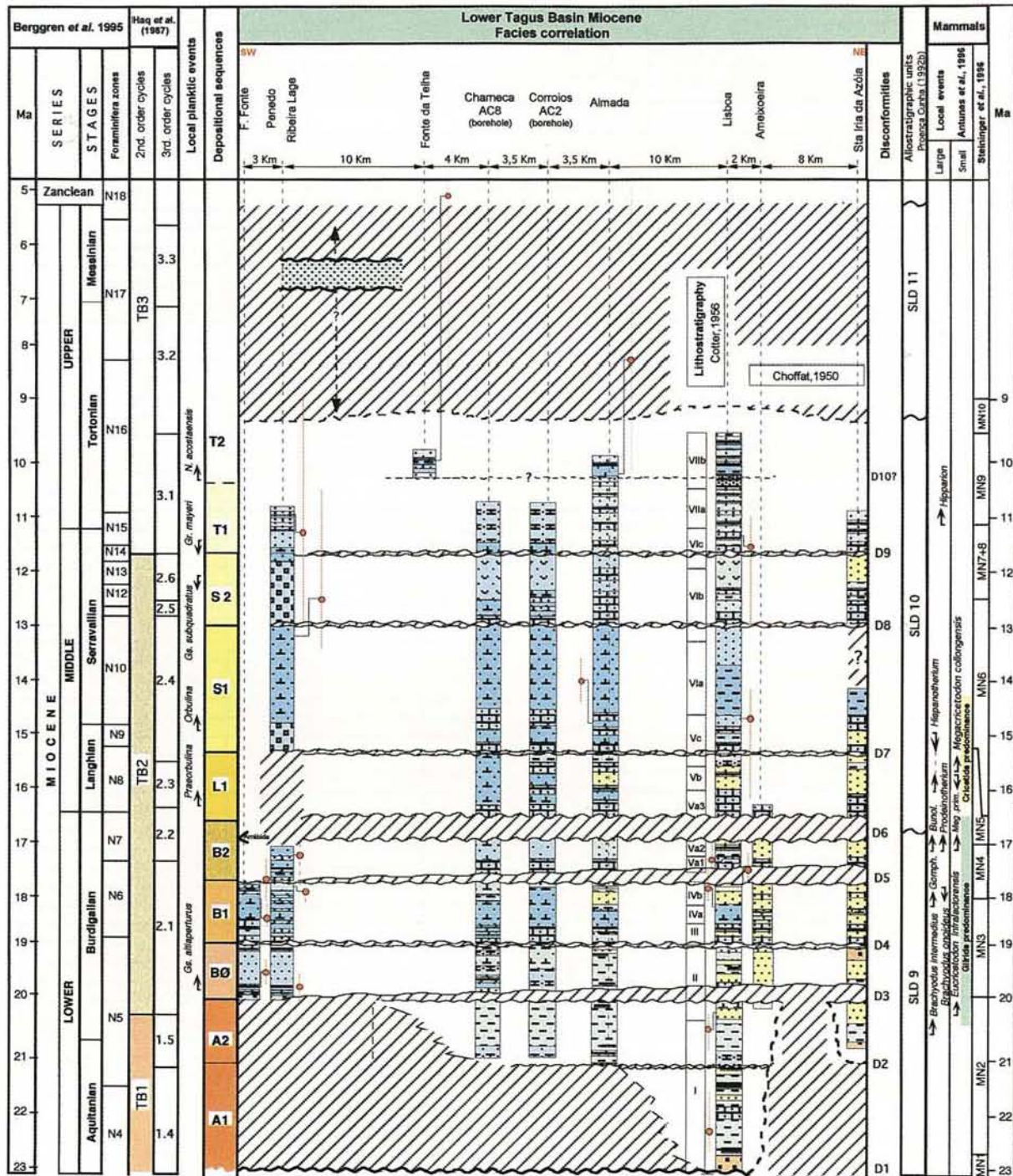
Upper boundary isotopic age of the DS	Aquitanian		Burdigalian		Langhian					
	MN2b	MN3	20Ma	17.8Ma	16.4Ma	15.3Ma				
Mammal zones	Z (lower)		Z (upper)		A/B	MNS				
Iberian zones	Z (lower)		Z (upper)		A/B	C	Db	Dc	D (c?)	Dd/E
Main localities	Km 10	Tripas/U.Cat/Av. Urug.	Qt. Narig./Cr. Rei	Qt. Pomb./Pedreira	Chelas 1	Chelas 2	Quintanela	Amor		
Depositional sequences (DS)	A2		B1		B2		L1			
CREODONTA										
<i>Hyainailurus sulzeri</i>										
CARNIVORA										
<i>Amphicyon olisiponensis</i>				*						
<i>Amphicyon giganteus</i>					*	*				
<i>Amphicyon sp.</i>					*	*				
<i>Hemicyon cf. stehlini</i>				*						
<i>Hemicyon stehlini</i>					*					
<i>Hemicyon sansaniensis parvus</i>						*				
<i>Plithocyon antunesi</i>				*		*				
<i>Ischyriactis cf. bezianensis</i>					*	*				
<i>Martes cf. munki</i>					*					
Mustelidae ind.					*					*
<i>Viverra (Viverrictis) modica aff. vetusta</i>					*	*				
<i>Pseudaelurus transitorius</i>		*								
<i>Pseudaelurus turnauensis</i>				*	*	*				
<i>Pseudaelurus lorteti</i>					*	*				
<i>Pseudaelurus romieviensis</i>						*				
ARTIODACTYLA										
<i>Brachyodus intermedius</i>		*								
<i>Brachyodus onoides</i>				*						
<i>Aureliachoerus aurelianensis</i>		*								
<i>Bunolistriodon lockarti</i>					*	*				
<i>Hyotherium soemmeringi</i>						*				*
<i>Taucanamo primum</i>					*	*				
<i>Cainotherium sp.</i>	*	*								
<i>Cainotherium miocaenicum</i>				*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Dorcatherium crassum</i>					*	*		*	*	*
<i>Andegameryx andegaviensis</i>	*							*	*	*
<i>Amphitragulus aurelianensis</i>					*	*				
<i>Procervulus dichotomus</i>					*	*		*	*	*
? <i>Lagomeryx ruetimeyeri</i>					*	*				
<i>Lagomeryx minimus</i>					*	*		*	*	*
Cervidae ind. 1										*
Cervidae ind. 2										*
<i>Palaeomeryx kaupi</i>				*	*	*		*	*	*
<i>Eotragus artenensis</i>					*	*				
PERISSODACTYLA										
<i>Anchitherium sp.</i>				*						
<i>Anchitherium cf. ezquerrae</i>						*				
<i>Protaceratherium minimum</i>		*								
<i>Diaceratherium cf. aurelianensis</i>		*								
<i>Plesiaceratherium platyodon</i>				*						
<i>Plesiaceratherium lumiarense</i>					*	*				
<i>Prosantorhinus cf. germanicus</i>				*	*	*				
<i>Lartetotherium sansanensis</i>					*	*				
<i>Hispanotherium matienensis</i>					*	*		*	*	*
<i>Iberotherium rexmanuelli</i>					*	*				
<i>Iberotherium rexmanuelli zbyzowski</i>					*	*				
Schizotheriinae ind.					*	*				
PROBOSCIDEA										
<i>Gomphotherium angustidens</i>				*	*	*		*	*	*
<i>Zygodon turicensis</i>				*	*	*		*	*	*
<i>Prodeinotherium cuvieri</i>					*	*		*	*	*
SIRENIA										
Cf. <i>Halitherium sp.</i>		*								
<i>Metaxytherium medium</i>				*(?)	*	*	*	*	*	*

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Stages	Aquitanian	Burdigalian			Langhian			
Upper boundary isotopic age of the DS		20Ma	17.8Ma	16.4Ma	15.3Ma			
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INSECTIVORA								
<i>Galerix symeonidisi</i>				*				
<i>Galerix cf. exilis</i>								*
<i>Galerix sp.</i>	*				*	*		
<i>Crocidosorex antiquus</i>		*						
<i>Miosorex aff. grivensis</i>								*
Soricidae ind.	*							
<i>Amphechinus sp.</i>		*						
<i>Paratalpa sp.</i>		*						
Dimylidae ind.		*						
LAGOMORPHA								
<i>Lagopsis spiracensis</i>	*							
<i>Lagopsis cadeoti</i>		*						
<i>Lagopsis peñai</i>			*	*	*	*		
<i>Lagopsis cf. peñai</i>								*
<i>Prolagus vasconiensis</i>		*						
<i>Prolagus oeningensis</i>								*
RODENTIA								
<i>Heteroxerus paulhiacensis</i>	*							
<i>Heteroxerus cf. paulhiacensis</i>		*						
<i>Heteroxerus rubricati</i> (archaic)		*						
<i>Heteroxerus rubricati</i>			*	*	*	*		
<i>Atlantoxerus blacki</i>				*				
<i>Palaeosciurus fissurae</i>	*							
<i>Blackia miocaenica</i>	*							
Sciuridae ind.	*							
<i>Myoglis sp.</i>		*						
<i>Glirudinus modestus</i>	*	*						
<i>Microdyromys legidensis</i>		*						
<i>Microdyromys koenigswaldi</i>					*	*		*
<i>Peridyromys murinus</i>	*	*	*					
<i>Pseudodyromys ibericus</i>	*	*		*	*			
<i>Pseudodyromys robustus</i>			*					
<i>Praearmantomys ginsburgi</i>				*				
<i>Armantomys sp. (parsani ?)</i>		*						
<i>Armantomys aragonensis</i>					*			
<i>Prodryomys brailloni</i>	*							
<i>Ligerimys antiquus</i>	*	*	*					
<i>Melissiodon dominans</i>	*							
<i>Melissiodon sp.</i>						*		
<i>Eucricetodon infralactorensis</i>		*						
<i>Megacricetodon collongensis</i>				*	*	*		*
<i>Democricetodon sp. (hispanicus ?)</i>				*				
<i>Democricetodon sp. nov.</i>					*			
<i>Pseudofahlbuschia jordensi</i>						*		
? <i>Cricetodon sp.</i>								*
CETACEA Odontoceti								
Delphinidae ind.			*					

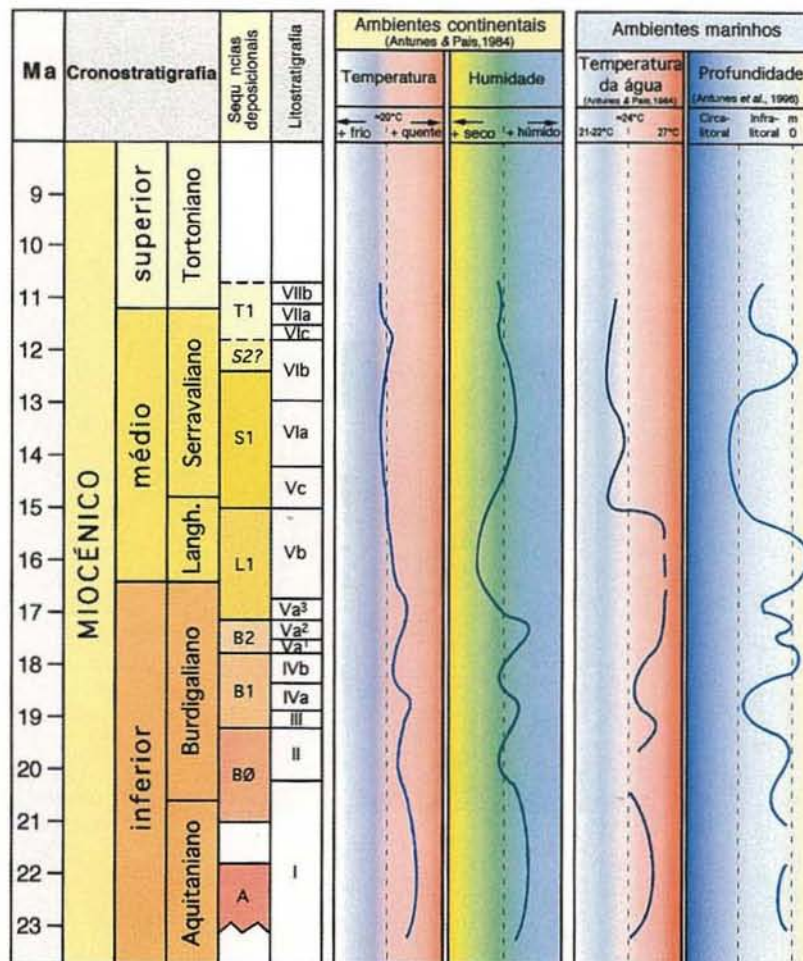
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Model of Lower Tagus basin (distal part), Lisboa & Setúbal Peninsula area (Antunes *et al.*, 2000).



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Table 3
Temperature and moisture evolution during Miocene (Pais, 1999).



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