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TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Recent Acquisitions in Archaeology, Biology, and Geology

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AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Overview of recent acquisitions for the New York State Museum's science collections.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For information.

Background Information

Over the past 180 years the New York State Museum has built and curated the State's natural and cultural history collections. It is the only institution that has a primary mission of documenting New York's natural and cultural histories through three-dimensional objects. Dr. John P. Hart, Director of the Research and Collections Division, will highlight additions to the State Museum's science collections over the past year, including additions in archaeology, biology and geology. By accessioning these collections, originating through research performed by the Museum and other professional scientists, as well as citizen scientists, the Museum ensures that they are preserved to document that research and be available for research and education in perpetuity. The collections are used by the Museum and other institutions in New York, North America, and globally for research and exhibition.