

## Dating the jungle tide: scientifically dating the abandonment of Anuradhapura

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Although a great deal is known about the abandonment of Anuradhapura from the Great Pali chronicles of Sri Lanka (specifically the Culavamsa), very little archaeological research has been carried out on this period to date. Recent optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) and radiocarbon age determinations from the Anuradhapura hinterland have the potential to confirm or challenge the long established attribution of urban collapse to the 11<sup>th</sup> century CE. These age determinations will be presented in the context of the wider Anuradhapura (Sri Lanka) Project.

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