In collaboration with religious authorities adequate ceremonies will be conducted whenever needed.

All findings are property of the Indian Government and will remain in Ladakh.

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The MAFIL project is planned for a month for four years (2013-2016) in the Nubra valley.

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## Deskit

Deskit has one of the largest pre-Buddhist graveyards known in Ladakh. Between 2007 and 2013, our team documented a hundred graves by

means of photography.

Most of the graves have been looted in antiquity. Their visible structure in stone enables us to say that they are about 4000 years old.

The only mean to learn more about these ancient people is through excavation and analyses of specimen.

This will be done in September 2014.

Our team will study the underground material (stone, bones, pieces of pottery and possible metal objects).

Once our work will be completed the site will look as it was originally. Excavations will be refilled with the original material and the site left

clean.

Our team seeks to collaborate with the villagers from Deskit. Meetings will be held in the village to present our work and its results. Interested people will be welcome on the site to take part in our work.

The protection and management of the site will be jointly organized with the village and religious communities of Deskit.



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