

## Code sheet for Prehistoric Slag Database, Ban Chiang Project

All measurements are in centimeters unless otherwise noted.

**Serial\_number** = unique numerical designator for each artifact

**Artifact\_ID**: excavation abbreviation followed by the small find number/bag number.

For example, BC 0603/0471 = Ban Chiang 1974 excavation; small find number=603; bag number = 471

**Site** = site where material was recovered

BAN CHIANG BC = 1974 excavation at Ban Chiang by Penn/Thai Fine Arts Department. Excavation abbreviation = BC.

BAN CHIANG BCES = 1975 excavation at Ban Chiang by Penn/Thai Fine Arts Department. Excavation abbreviation = BCES.

BAN PHAK TOP = 1975 excavation by Penn (William Schauffler). Excavation abbreviation = BPT.

BAN TONG = 1975 excavation by Penn (William Schauffler). Excavation abbreviation = BT.

DON KLANG = 1975 excavation by Penn (William Schauffler). Excavation abbreviation = DK.

**Small\_find\_number** = small find number assigned in the field or lab

**Bag\_number** = artifact bag number assigned in the field.

**Artifact\_class** = small find class

**SLAG** = Irregular lumps of mixed metal and mineral waste, a byproduct of metal production and thermoprocessing.

### Provenience

**Period** = regional period

LP-Protohistoric

LP = Late Period

MP-LP = Middle to Late Period

MP = Middle Period

EP-MP = Early to Middle Period

EP = Early Period

**Subperiod** = the division of the Early Period

upper

lower

**Burial\_phase** = varies by site

Ban Chiang BC and Ban Chiang BCES

X

IX

VIII

VIIIb

VIIa

VI

Vc

Vb

Va

IVc

IVb

IVa

IIIb

IIIa

IIc

IIf

IIa

I

Ban Tong

2

1

Don Klang

4

3

**Context** = the kind of deposit from which the artifact was recovered during the excavation.

White defines four general categories of context for artifacts in these four sites: (1) deliberately placed in burials; artifacts are called grave goods; (2) near skeletons or in grave fill, but not necessarily grave goods; artifacts are called burial-associated materials; (3) in features of various sorts; and (4) in the general soil matrix.

grave good

burial-associated

feature

feature pdb = possible disturbed burial

general soil matrix

**Level** = cultural level by excavation locale

<b>BC</b>	<b>BCES</b>	<b>BPT</b>	<b>BT</b>	<b>DK</b>
13	04D	12	09	05
12	04C	11	08B	04B
11	04B	10	08A	04A
10	04A	09	07B	03C
09	03I	08B	07A	03B

08	03H	08A	06	03A
07	03G	07	05	02/03
06	03F	06	04	02C
05	03E	05	03	02B
04	03D	04	03/02	02A
03	03C	03	02B	02/01
02	03B	02	02A	01C
01	03A	01	01	01B
	02H			01A
	02G			
	02F			
	02E			
	02D			
	02C			
	02B			
	02A			
	01A			

**Square** = excavation square

**Quadrant** = quadrant of excavation square (Sections are also noted in this field.)

Ban Chiang BC and BCES

None  
 ALL QUADS  
 NEQ  
 NEQ SEQ  
 NEQ NWQ  
 NWQ  
 NWQ NEQ  
 NWQ SWQ  
 SEQ  
 SEQ SWQ  
 SWQ

Ban Phak Top

None  
 SWQ  
 SEQ  
 NWQ  
 NEQ  
 North section

Ban Tong

None  
 SWQ  
 SEQ  
 NWQ

NEQ SEQ  
NEQ

Don Klang  
WQ  
SQ WQ  
NQ SQ EQ  
NQ EQ  
NQ  
EQ

**Layer** = excavation layer

**Burial\_number** = site/locale followed by assigned burial number

**Burial\_association** = vertical relationship of grave good to skeleton

Unclear  
Beside skeleton  
Beneath skeleton  
Above skeleton  
Worn by deceased  
Found mixed with bones

**Location** = horizontal relationship of grave good to skeleton

Left  
Right  
Center  
Beyond head  
Beyond feet

**Body\_part** = the part of the body upon which or near which the artifact was found

**Feature\_number** = feature number, assigned in the field

**Feature\_type** = feature type/description

cache  
cache of mixed objects  
cache—pot  
  
clump  
clump of shell  
mixed artifact clump  
  
clusters  
cluster of animal bone  
cluster of miscellaneous human bone  
mixed artifact cluster (with crucible)  
sherd cluster  
  
discrete finds

discrete human bone  
discrete small find  
laterite lump  
stone

disturbance  
disturbance—mixed  
insect disturbance

ditch

hearth

pits  
large pit  
medium pit  
small pit

possible disturbed burial

post hole

scatters  
scatter of mixed objects  
scatter of sherds and bone

soil  
sediment feature  
soil feature

### **Artifact Status**

**Lab\_number** = lab number assigned by analyst

**Lab\_work** = laboratory analysis performed  
blank = no laboratory analysis

### **Artifact Description**

**Number\_of\_pieces** = the number of pieces that comprised the artifact in the 1970s, at first recording

**Weight\_gm** = total weight of piece or pieces in grams. Measurement was made in the late 1970s before analysis.

**Comments**