

# Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2009 – 10th Season

## Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 29 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ99west	ZZ4west
Loci	1276	1290
Baskets	2305	2306
Walls	W1266, W1270	
Floors	F1291, F1294	

- Continued work on Square ZZ99
  - Goal – follow W1266 to the east looking for corners.
  - Starting elevation = 129.117 (average), 128.930 (floor?)
  - Ending elevation = 128.554 (opus sectile floor next to steps), 128.486 (same floor next to collapse)
  - Limited work to west half of the square (including the threshold).
  - Exposed two stairs going down from the threshold. The first step is 25cm down with a tread depth of 54cm. The second step is 17 cm down and 28cm deep.
  - The steps reach a floor (F1294). The floor is opus sectile. There is an 11cm border next to the steps. The floor consists of 21.5cm squares in black and white set on their points (diamonds)
  - About a meter from the stairs is a collapse in the floor. Discernable air flows through the collapse, suggesting it is a natural cave or area washed out.
  - #395 nail in two pieces: 7cm and 4cm
  - The water channel under W1266 was intentionally blocked with stones and plaster on the north side of the wall. The blockage was removed.
- Continued work in ZZ4west
  - Goal – follow W1270 and excavate room east of “street”
  - Ending elevation = 130.864 (mud/plaster floor), 130.704 (cobble base for floor)
  - Fishes exposing threshold in W1270 and level of the square to the level of F1291.

- More work done covering the mosaics.

Observations

Daily Drawing



