



Palaeolithic site and drainage patterns in the English Channel and North Sea. This map was prepared using coastal data from the National Monuments Record and from the English Rivers Palaeolithic Project (see J. Wymer, *The Lower Palaeolithic Occupation of Britain*, 1999). The paths of major rivers, shown for the later Devensian, are based on B.J. Coles 'Doggerland: a speculative survey' (*Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* 64, 1998). The pattern of former river valleys in the English Channel is based on R.J.O. Hamblin et al. (*The Geology of the English Channel*, 1992, Figure 62). Drainage patterns have changed massively in the period covered by the Lower, Middle and Early Upper Palaeolithic, the changing route of the Thames being but one example. However, the association of river valleys and Palaeolithic finds that is so evident on land is important in gauging the archaeological potential of river valleys that once traversed the now-submerged lowlands of Britain and its neighbours.