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## Cuban Natives Brought Jade from Guatemala



Havana, Apr 2 (Prensa Latina) The Cuban pre-aboriginal Tainos used jade probably introduced from Guatemala, as the geological record in eastern Cuba and the Dominican Republic show, Antonio Garcia Casco, of the University of Granada, Spain, stated.

The professor, of the Department of Mineralogy and Petrology of that institution, has studied for several years the geological traces showing the exchange of pre Taino peoples with the mainland.

The evidences found up to now deny the image we have of these pre-Columbian peoples, such as minor cultures, said Casco who works together with Reinier

Rodriguez Ramos, an archaeologist at the University of Puerto Rico, Corinne Hofman, of the University of Leiden, in Netherlands, and experts from the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

The paper "Revealing the pre-Columbian routes of jade in the Caribbean: a case study in the forensic geology with geological and anthropological implications" was presented by Casco during the 5th Convention on Earth Sciences, Geociencia 2013.

As of year 400 B.C., Araucanian people came and brought ceramics using the Guatemalan jade, Casco said.

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