

Floating to Flores

YOUR STORY ON THE DISCOVERY OF THE remains of tiny cave-dwelling humans on the Indonesian island of Flores [Nov. 8] reported that its elephants may have swum the distance that separated Flores from the nearest land when the sea level was at its lowest. Could they also perhaps have had a role in getting *Homo floresiensis* onto the island? As there is already evidence of elephant migration, who is to say that some early hominids didn't hitch a ride or two on the backs of those buoyant beasts?

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