
National Geographic Exclusive: Last American Slave Ship Discovered in Alabama



The remains of the schooner *Clotilda*, the last vessel to transport enslaved Africans to America's shores, have been discovered in a remote arm of Alabama's Mobile River following an intensive year-long search by marine archaeologists. The 110 captives who arrived aboard *Clotilda* were the last of an estimated 388,000 Africans brought in bondage to America between 1609 and 1860. This historic discovery has been of great importance to the descendants of the *Clotilda* survivors for generations. According to Fredrik Hiebert, archaeologist-in-residence at the National Geographic Society which supported the search, "the discovery of the *Clotilda* sheds new light on a lost chapter of American history." For more information about the discovery, read the full story [HERE](#). MEDIA CONTACTS For interviews, visuals, or any other media inquiries, please contact **Anna Kukelhaus Dynan**, Anna.Kukelhaus@natgeo.com, 202-912-6724, or **Kelsey Taylor**, Kelsey.Taylor@natgeo.com, 202-912-6776. National Geographic Society archaeologist-in-residence, **Fredrik Hiebert**, is available for interviews out of L.A. & Washington, D.C. Hiebert can provide commentary on the historical importance of this discovery. National Geographic reporter, **Joel K. Bourne, Jr.**, who has been reporting on the *Clotilda* since last year, is available for interviews out of Washington, D.C.