This article presented the results of archaeobotanical analysis identifying lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera*) seeds at Tonle Bak. Due to the questionable size difference compared with modern botanical samples, co-author Cristina Castillo has subsequently re-examined the seeds. Upon dissection and consideration of their internal structure, a sample of these seeds have been found to be black pepper (*Piper nigrum*). Hence, although lotus plants are attested in the Tonle Bak area through texts, inscriptions, iconography and pollen evidence, they are not yet unequivocally documented by macro plant remains.

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