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Since its foundation the Society has sponsored many differing projects in Libya within the subject areas of archaeology, education, geography, geology, history and Islamic law. Its resources to date have concentrated on supporting long term archaeological projects and their subsequent publication including excavations in Benghazi, Tolmeita, Ajdabiyah and Germa in the Fezzan; and more recently the multi-disciplinary survey in the pre-desert valleys of Tripolitania, the Islamic excavation at Medinet Sultan, and the preparation for publication of the postwar excavations at Sabratha.

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