

Author Jonathan Whitcomb Reports Glowing Creatures Videotaped In Papua New Guinea

Investigators declare that fourteen seconds of a video taken in Papua New Guinea are of two bioluminescent pterosaurs. A physicist who analyzed the video found no commonplace explanation and no refutation of the claim.

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LONG BEACH, Calif./EWorldWire/Feb. 7, 2007 --- A physicist, who examined video footage of two strange lights that explorers think are bioluminescent pterosaurs, declares that the glow is not from meteors, lanterns, campfires or an airplane. Paul Nation, of Granbury, Texas, videotaped the lights one night, in November, 2006, in a remote mountainous area of the mainland of Papua New Guinea. Here, the natives call the creature "indava," but explorers call it by the name used on Umboi Island: "ropen."

Cliff Paiva, a missile defense physicist working in Southern California, found no commonplace explanation for the fourteen seconds of video. Reporting his initial findings to Jonathan Whitcomb, author of "Searching for Ropens," he also noted that the two glowing forms independently and only slowly changed light intensity; this is unlike the flickering of a fire. The telephone interview, on February 5, 2007, was in anticipation of the final scientific report, expected later in February. Paiva doubted that any shape or features could be identified in the video frames: only two lights.

Paul Nation's 2006 sightings make his expedition stand out from all previous living-pterosaur expeditions from 1994 through 2004. He saw eight flights of the nocturnal creatures: low altitude over the mountain ridges, far northwest of Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea. Two of the creatures were videotaped on a ridge, above the village of Nation's base camp, as they were about to take off into the air. But even with binoculars, he never saw any shape of the creatures, and only the glow was recorded on his consumer camcorder. Nevertheless, investigators, including Nation and Whitcomb, believe that the lights are made by bioluminescent creatures similar to the Umboi Island ropen.

Paiva told Whitcomb that the analysis found no evidence of any smoke or rising plume that would indicate a fire-source. Meteors and airplanes were also ruled out. One of the lights, through 3-D imaging analysis, showed a slight dip in intensity at the center, the opposite of what should be found in video footage of a lantern or large flashlight. Preliminary findings showed nothing contradicting the idea that the lights were made by bioluminescent creatures.

Until November, 2006, skeptics had criticized the living-pterosaur investigators for their lack of physical evidence. Standard scientific models say that the last pterosaurs became extinct 65 million years ago, but the American investigators (1994-2006 expeditions) all disbelieve in ancient, universal extinctions and even doubt the ancient ages of pterosaur fossils.

Nation and Whitcomb had explored Umboi Island, northeast of the mainland of Papua New Guinea, separately in earlier years. Those early searches resulted in no sightings by Americans, only interviews with eyewitnesses. Two more Americans followed them, late in 2004, and one of them saw the "ropen-light" briefly, but no form was seen. The eyewitness testimonies of the natives interviewed in those earlier expeditions, however, convinced the four Americans that the creature, known in various native languages as "ropen," "indava," "duwas," and "seklo-bali," is a long-tailed pterosaur.

The first explorer was Carl Baugh, founder of the Creation Evidence Museum in Glen Rose, Texas.

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