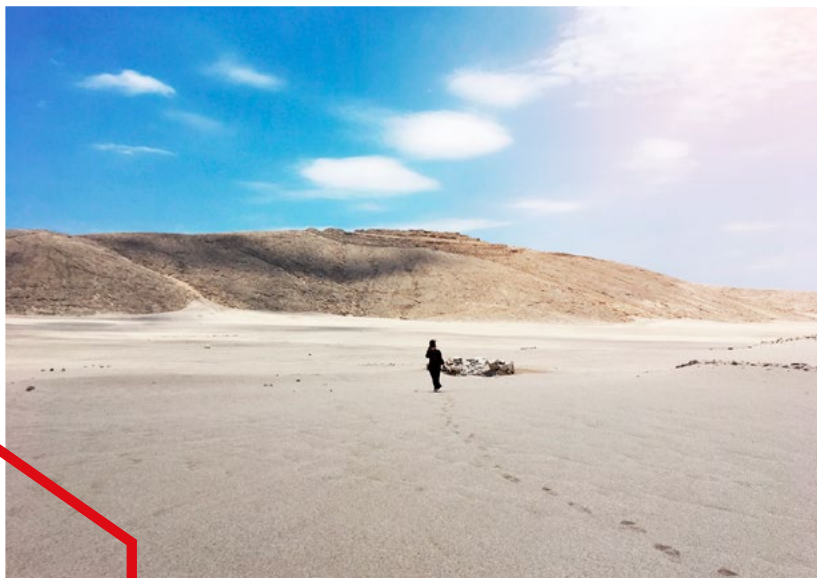


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The site covers about four square kilometres (1.5 square miles) and has been interpreted as a fortified temple.

The Thirteen Towers solar observatory:

The regularly-spaced thirteen towers of Chankillo were constructed atop the ridge of a low hill running near north to south and are, forming a “toothed” horizon with narrow gaps at regular intervals. To the east and west investigators designated two possible observation points. From these vantages, the 300m long spread of the towers along the horizon corresponds very closely to the rising and setting positions of the Sun over the year, albeit they are not all visible. This suggests that some activities of the ancient civilization were regulated by a solar calendar.

The towers had been known to travelers for centuries, but the astronomical function of the towers was first hypothesized in 2007 by Iván Ghezzi and Clive Ruggles

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