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Cephalonia Island, Ionian Sea, Greece. Photograph of the mushroom shaped rock above is located about 50 m offshore from the harbour of Poros, Cephalonia island (Ionian Sea, Greece). Two fossil emerged notches are visible: the lower one at 50 cm above MSL corresponds to the co-seismic uplift which took place at 1953 because of an earthquake with $M_s = 7.2$, while the upper one at 1.2 m above MSL corresponds to a palaeo-seismic event that took place around 1500 BP (Stiros *et al.*, 1994). Especially the elevated shoreline at + 50 cm is continuously visible at the southeastern part of the island for more than 18 km. (Photograph taken August 2012 and caption by Niki Evelpidou, Faculty of Geology and Geoenvironment, University of Athens, Greece).

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