

Ancient Greek well yields rare wooden statue

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Archeologists in Greece have uncovered a rare wooden statue preserved in the muddy depths of an ancient well in Piraeus, the port of Athens.

A Culture Ministry statement said Tuesday that the roughly half-meter (20-inch) high dressed male figure was found without its head, hands and feet, together with broken pottery dating to about 100-86 B.C. It was unclear who the statue might depict.

The piece was found during an excavation of ancient wells in central Piraeus, where a new subway line will be built.

Ancient wooden artefacts are uncommon discoveries in Greece as [climate conditions](#) do not favor their preservation.

The ministry statement said the well also contained part of an ancient marble statue of a woman seated on a deer.

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