

Early Stone Tools

A recent discovery has (0) scientists to revise their ideas about the ancestors of early humans. It seems they started to (9) use of stone tools nearly one million years earlier (10) had previously been thought. Archaeologists revised the date (11) spotting distinctive marks made by stone tools on animal bones dating (12) nearly three and a half million years. The remains, including a rib from a cow-like creature and a thigh bone from an animal similar in size (13) a goat, were recovered from an old river bed (14) was being excavated in Ethiopia.

The use of simple stone tools to remove meat from bones represents a crucial moment in human history. (15) a result of turning to meat for sustenance, the early humans developed larger brains, which (16) turn enabled them to make more sophisticated tools. The bones unearthed in Ethiopia may well represent the very beginning of that process.



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