
From the "Chaîne opératoire" to the economy of the raw material in the upper Pleistocene: the example of the Rhafas cave industry (Jerada, Morocco).

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Résumé

Abstract:

One of the main concerns about the North African paleolithic is focused toward the understanding and the clarification of the definition of the lithic industry in the Middle Stone Age and the Aterian context. This work is a diachronic and a multiproxy approach to estimate 1/ the variability of the different occupations in a well-known stratigraphic context and 2/ the distribution of the human circulation in their landscape. The study is directed toward the lithic industry of the Rhafas cave (Jerada, Morocco) for which the very well dated stratigraphic sequences and the researches that have been carried out for several years by French and Moroccan teams, makes it a good candidate for the development of this project and for this methodological approach.

Mots-Clés: North Africa, Middle Stone Age, Lithic industry, Aterian, Rhafas cave

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