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ZOOARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODS: RECONSTITUTE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PALAEOLITHIC HUMANS AND OTHER MAMMALS

Among human societies of hunter-gatherers, animals play a central role, between subsistence, technical and symbolic spheres. Zooarchaeological methods include anatomical and taxinomical identification, and taphonomical study of extrinsic modifications of skeletal remains. Analyses show the use of animal resources, for both food and non-dietary purposes, in relation to the palaeoenvironmental and palaeoclimatic background.

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