

Early Pleistocene Mammalian Fauna and Paleoenvironments from Konso, Southern Ethiopia

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We reported fossils of Australopithecine and *Homo erectus* from Konso, Ethiopia. We systematically recovered almost 7700 identifiable mammalian remains from 1993 to 1997. The mammalian fauna from the Konso Formation comprises 8 orders, 22 families and more than 60 taxa at the species level. This fauna can be compared to other Pliocene to Pleistocene faunas of the African rift valley such as those from Omo, Koobi Fora and Olduvai gorge. The Konso Formation can be divided into more than 6 biostratigraphic zones based upon stratigraphic relationships and radiometric age estimates. Openland indicators became strong starting in Zone 4. The Konso fauna from Zones 4 and 5 shows some affinity with the Olduvai Bed II fauna rather than with that from the geographically closer Turkana basin.