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The development of Archaeozoology in Saudi Arabia: the AZAP Research project and the Jaussen & Savignac Research center (Paris 1 Pantheon Sorbonne University).

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Abstract

The creation and the development of the Saudi Vision 2030 Plan has allowed a considerable enhancement of the archaeological heritage in the Saudi kingdom and particularly in the oasis of Alula. In this region of northwestern Saudi Arabia, the creation of AFALULA (French agency for the Alula development) on behalf of the RCU (Royal commission for Alula) allowed many archaeological sites have been excavated or are currently being excavated, yielding considerable amount of faunal material (>500,000). It is against this background that AZAP (Archaeozoological for Alula Project) was born, a specific research program dedicated to archaeozoology, whose funding will allow the development of classical but above all modern aspects of this discipline (i.e., electron microscopy, use of GIS, ancient DNA, isotopic analyses etc.). This will above all be accompanied by a significant component of knowledge dissemination (publications, workshops, international conference etc.), but will devote time to training Saudi students in archaeozoology via specific teaching as part of the Jaussen & Savignac master's degree. Indeed, AZAP is directly connected to the Jaussen & Savignac archaeological research center which opened in September 2024 at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

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