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Lithic industries of Neolithic settlements associated with desert kites: the sites of Khaybar (Saudi Arabia) and Khashabiyeh (Jordan)

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Abstract

Studies over the last ten years have led to an in-depth understanding of desert kites, giant hunting structures that have littered the desert landscapes of the Middle East since Neolithic times. More recently, the discovery of occupation sites directly associated with these desert kites has opened the field of reflection on the prehistoric populations who built and used them. My research involves the study of lithic industries from occupation sites associated with desert kites. The aim of this study is to reveal yet unknown aspects of these Neolithic hunting societies - established on the outskirts of major development centres - in particular their subsistence methods, their technical know-how and their possible diffusion. The sites included in this study are the Neolithic sites of the Khaybar oasis in Saudi Arabia (KLDAP) and the P52 site in the Jibal-al-Khashabiyeh area, in south-eastern Jordan (MASEJ). This research will enable us to address the question of the cultural identity of these hunting groups, notably by comparing the industries of these sites with those of neighbouring sites from the PPNB period. One of the aims of this study is to characterise the "Ghassanian", a new regional techno-complex discovered at the Jordanian site

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