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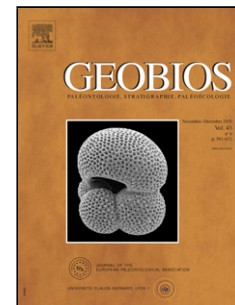
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Pleistocene Carnivora (Mammalia) from Tighennif (Ternifine), Algeria ^{*}

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Abstract

The site of Tighennif (= Ternifine) in Northern Algeria, well-known for its *Homo mauritanicus* (= *Homo rhodesiensis*?) remains, and probably dating to the late Calabrian, yielded a large assemblage of terrestrial carnivores. Some are identical or probably identical with extant species: *Crocota crocuta* and *Hyaena hyaena* (Hyaenidae), *Felis silvestris* (Felidae), *Mellivora capensis* and *Poecilictis* cf. *libyca* (Mustelidae), and *Vulpes* cf. *rueppelli* (Canidae). In addition, among felids there is an unidentified leopard-like form; a smaller, more common species assigned to *Lynx* sp. (a genus quite rare in Africa) but which is certainly different from modern forms, an *Homotherium* that seems to be the last occurrence of the machairodonts in Africa, and a *Panthera* aff. *leo*, which is unfortunately too poorly known to be named. Rare bears do not display all derived features of later North African *U. biberoni*. Among canids, the *Nyctereutes*-like jackal *Lupulella mohibi* is an endemic North African form known until the late middle Pleistocene, and the hunting dog *Lycaon magnus* is also clearly distinct from the modern species. A single new species is described, *Enhydriactis hoffstetteri*, a large, otter-like member of the Mustelidae, of a genus that was previously unknown from Africa, and certainly testifies to North-South dispersal across the Mediterranean at some time during the early Pleistocene.

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