

# Homo habilis

## 'handy man'



Homo habilis, known as "handy man," is an extinct species of early human that lived in East and South Africa approximately 2.4 to 1.5 million years ago and is recognised for its tool-making abilities.

Homo habilis made simple tools by striking stones together to create sharp edges. These tools were primarily used for butchering meat, indicating a diet that included scavenged meat, which was a significant shift from the primarily plant-based diets of earlier hominins.

They had long arms and a smaller body compared to modern humans. They were about 1.3 meters tall and weighed around 37 kilograms

