# Afrique du Nord, Introduction

## **Preview**

The most ancient monodactyl Equids of Maghreb (AÃ¯n Boucherit, AÃ¯n Hanech, Ternifine) were already addressed on this site. I provide here photographs of upper cheek teeth of probably *E. mauritanicus* from Rabat and Sidi Abderrhaman (Morocco), and TihodaÃ¯ne (Hoggar). From the possibly Middle Pleistocene of Lac Karar, Tlemcen (Algeria) were recovered several lower teeth with Sussemione-like characters (Sam Y. 2018).

At Filfila, Algeria (zones 2 or 4 ?) a few fossils have asinine characters. This form was probably related to the latter *E. melkiensis* group and possibly to the Italian *E. graziosii*.

Relatively recent *Equus* are in general poorly represented and not always precisely dated. It is probable that in the same locality some mixing of levels may occur. The interpretations I propose are very tentative.

Fossils of E. algericus are not frequent. In the type locality of Allobroges *E*. *algericus* is represented by a lower molar and a few limb bones [Allobroges, E. algericus](https://vera-eisenmann.com/ecrire/?exec=article&id_article=2320); Tali 6-3C and 61-4C may also belong ; there is beside a surprisingly small MT III. To *E. algericus* I refer also two upper cheek teeth from RelillaÃ¯ (Algeria, Capsian) and a lower cheek tooth and a metacarpal from Sidi Bou Knabel (Morocco, Aterian?). A smaller MC III from Columnata may also belong to this horse. A few teeth and limb bones of *E. algericus* were also found in the Zouhra Cave, Morocco (Aouraghe and Debénath, 1999). According to the figures in Hadjouis, 1993, *E. algericu*s is also represented in the Aterian of AÃ¯n Taya but I believe not at Oued Djebbana (Algeria).

From the Aterian of AÃ¯n Benian (Guyotville), there are some *Equus* cheek teeth of large size but their morphology does not seem caballine (GUY 68, GUY 116). The large metapodial proportions are also very different (GUY 402, GUY 396). I refer them to *Equus* sp. as well as the large Ph1 GUY 479 and GUY 471, MD 1415 from El Hahroua, 2AK B2(6)67 of Tanger [Afrique du Nord, Data](https://vera-eisenmann.com/ecrire/?exec=article&id_article=2328), and a MT III from â€˜Bains Romains, Algerâ€™.

The rest of *Equus* fossils belong to one or two, (or more) Asinine forms. I refer to them as *E. melkiensis* and *E.* aff. *melkiensis*. I think they are both present at Allobroges.

There are many asinoid fossils for which I cannot propose any appellation for example: Bou Saada (Epipaleolthic); Tchad; Tiguert 6 (Morocco); El Guettar (Tunisia, Aterian ?); the MT of TihodaÃ¯ne; Columnata (Ibero-Maurusien. I am deeply thankful to Dr Yasmina ChaÃ¯d for the Columnata data).

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