

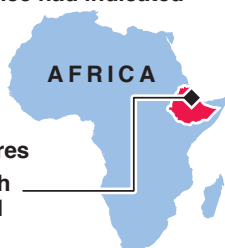
# New Homo fossil rewrites human evolution

A new jaw fossil suggests that the Homo genus – modern humans and their close relatives – arose by about 2.8 million years ago, almost half a million years earlier than previous evidence had indicated



Fossil known as LD 350-1 combines primitive *Australopithecus* traits with more modern Homo features

Ledi-Geraru research area, Ethiopia: Fossil unearthed in 2013



Fossil presents five teeth still intact

Until now earliest credible fossil evidence of our genus – *Homo habilis* (below) – dated to around 2.3 or 2.4 million years ago

Age of LD 350-1 fossil believed to be around 2.8m years old

