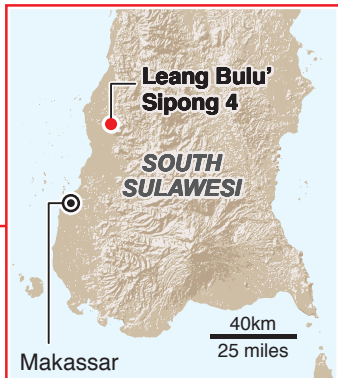


Earliest hunting scene in prehistoric art

Archaeologists have discovered a cave painting in Indonesia that is at least 43,900 years old and which portrays the oldest pictorial record of storytelling and the earliest figurative artwork in the world



Panel of cave art found in Sulawesi depicts group of human-like figures hunting large mammals with spears or ropes

Until now, oldest known “scenes” of humans and animals interacting date from Upper Palaeolithic cave art of Europe (21,000-14,000 years ago)



Depictions of **therianthropes** (part-human, part-animal figures) suggest Indonesian cave art involved religious-like thinking – ability to conceive of supernatural entities – long before humans first made art in Europe

Lion Man: Figurine of lion-headed human found in Germany and dated at 40,000 years old was, until now, oldest depiction of therianthrope

