Homo habilis (Handy man) was a distinct Homo species which is special in the fact that it was a good tool maker as well as tool users.

Geographical distribution

It appeared late in the chain of evolution and was present in Eastern as well as southern africa. Mary leaky found its fossil at olduwai gorge.

Morphological features:

It was an upright hominin and used tools efficiently. It has following distinct features:

1. foramen magnum placed anteriorly.
2. Linea Aspera developed.
3. Cranial capacity was in the range of 700-850 cubic centimeter.
4. Occipital torus was present.
5. Orbital ridge was present

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Cultural features

① Tool tradition: The evidence of H. Habilis tools are found at many locations. It was attributed as first efficient tool maker.

② Hunting: With stone tools it hunted and used tools to chop and crush bones to remove bone marrow

③ Social: It lived in groups.

④ Shelter: evidence of such shelters found at olduvai by many leaky

⑤ Brain development: With tool use its brain developed. In short it was a milestone development in the human evolution which ultimately resulted in arrival of homo sapiens.

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