

## KALAMBO FALLS PREHISTORIC SITE

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The local basin in the Kalambo River valley above the famous Falls on the boundary between Zambia and Tanzania provides one of the longest records of human activity so far recovered from a single site in the African continent. Successive occupation levels and horizons cover the long period from the close of the Acheulean Industrial Complex to the present day. The site is unique in that – besides very rich and representative series of cultural finds – wood, other vegetable remains, charcoals, and pollens have been preserved, often in association with rich lithic assemblages. This enables the cultural evolution to be seen in relation to the changing ecological conditions of later Quaternary times and an appreciation to be made of the prehistoric groups who lived there. Attempts to date these stages have been made by the radiocarbon method, by U-series and ESR. The estimated age of the oldest occupation is c.300 Kya.

The final volume of this major site report, which deals with the Middle and Earlier Stone Age period, completes the project, initiated with the publication of Volume I (1969) on the geology, palaeoecology and detailed stratigraphy of the excavations, and Volume II (1974) on the later prehistoric cultures. Volume III also contains a discussion of the significance of the site and its place in the general prehistory of the continent.

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