

## Re: skinny runners

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> Marc makes the claim that his ideas are somehow proven.

Only savanna-biased & short-sighted people believe our ancestors were not waterside.

You seem to be ill-informed, FYI, this is our hypothesis – so far you failed to explain why you believe it's wrong:

AAT = shoreline adaptations in the genus Homo = Homo littoral diaspora?

- \* Aquatic Ape Theory of human evolution (original term of E. Morgan 1982)
  - \* Aquarboreal Apes Theory of Mio-Pliocene apes (aqua =water, arbor =tree)
  - \* Amphibious Ancestors Theory of Plio-Pleistocene Homo (AAT strict sense)
- AAT s.s. (based on the behavior, anatomy, physiology & DNA of living humans compared to other animals) says that sea/lake-side ancestors collected coconuts, fruits, bird eggs, turtles, shell-, crayfish, algae etc. This explains unique Homo traits (not seen in apes or apiths) better than plains- or forest-dwelling scenarios do: brain size, diving skills, breathing control, vocality, small mouth & chewing muscles, tongue bone descent, longer airway, projecting nose, poor sense of smell, handiness, tool use, late puberty, long legs, aligned body, poor climbing, fatness, fur loss, high needs of water, sodium, iodine & poly-unsaturated fatty acids etc. In the fossil & archeological record, we see this in the Plio-Pleistocene diaspora of Homo populations along the Indian Ocean, African coasts, Rift valley lakes etc. (eg, R.Dennell 2003 JHE 45:421, M.Trauth cs.2005 Science), & probably from there inland along rivers etc. Homo much more than apith remains have been found (in spite of sea level fluctuations) amid shells, corals & barnacles throughout the Pleistocene, in coasts all over the Old World: Mojokerto, Terra Amata, Table Bay, Eritrea, incl.islands that could only be reached by sea: Flores 0.8 Ma  
<http://allserv.rug.ac.be/~mvaneech/outthere.htm> .
- \* Max Westenhöfer 1942 "Der Eigenweg des Menschen" Mannstaede
  - \* Alister Hardy 1960 "Was Man more aquatic in the past?" NS 7:624
  - \* Elaine Morgan 1982 "The aquatic ape" Souvenir London
  - \* Maggie Roede cs. 1991 "The aquatic ape: fact or fiction?" Souvenir
  - \* Marc Verhaegen cs. 2002 "Aquarboreal ancestors?" TREE 17:212

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\* Stephen Cunnane 2005 "Survival of the fattest" World Scientific

\* <http://allserv.rug.ac.be/~mvaneech/Symposium.html>

Additional files at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AAT1>

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