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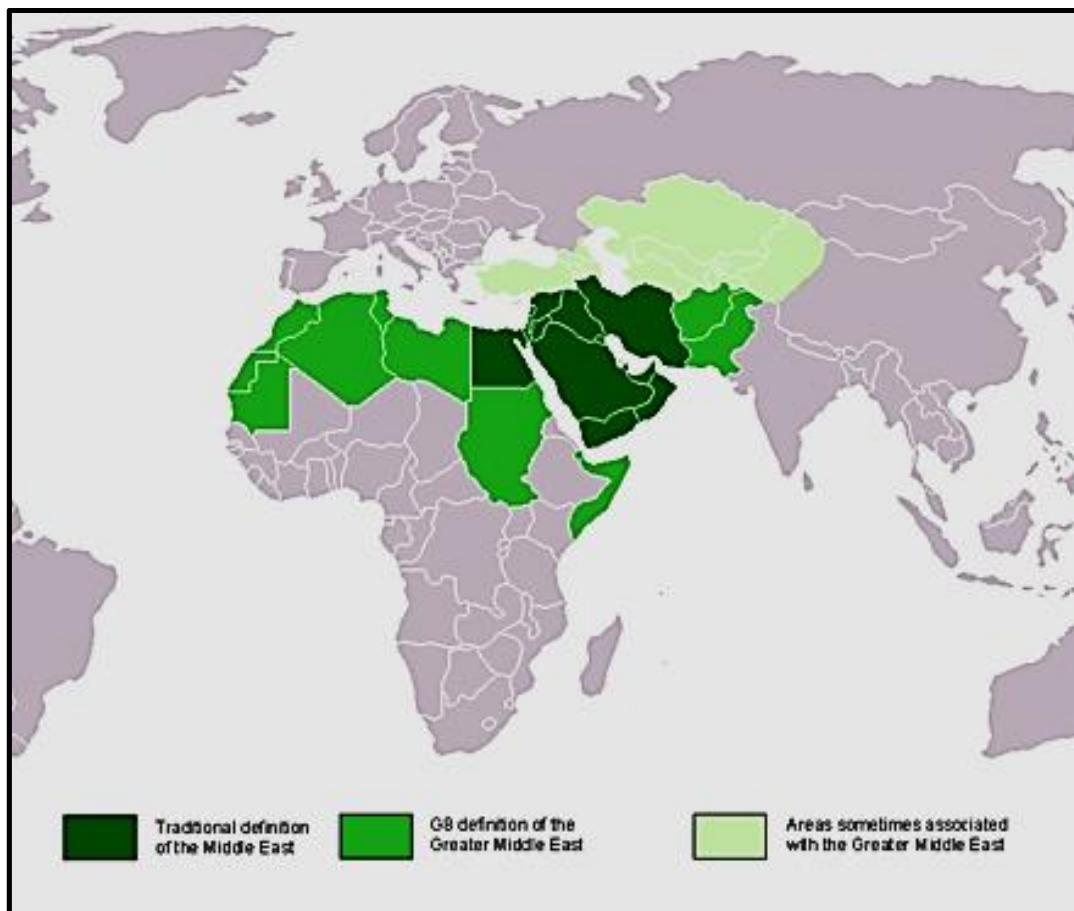
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## Yakındoğu Paleolitiğine Giriş

Bugünkü ülkeler coğrafyası dikkate alındığında, Yakındoğu coğrafyası içine; Türkiye, Kuzey Kıbrıs Türk Cumhuriyeti, Güney Kıbrıs Yönetimi, İran, Irak, Suriye, Ürdün, Lübnan, İsrail, Filistin, Suudi Arabistan, Yemen, Umman, Kuveyt, Birleşik Arap Emirlikleri, Katar, Bahreyn, Pakistan, Afganistan, Türkmenistan ve Özbekistan yerleştirilebilir. Siyasi açıdan yukarıda sayılan ülkeler ile birlikte aşağıdaki haritada görülen genişletilmiş Yakındoğu sınırları da çizilebilir. Ancak bizim konumuz gereği irdeleyeceğimiz alan daha çok koyu yeşil ile boyalı kısım coğrafyası içinde sınırlı kalacaktır.



Yakındoğu paleolitiğinin önemi, Afrika beşikli insanoğlunun dünyaya yayılımı açısından ilk çıkış noktası olmasından kaynaklanmaktadır. Afrika'dan göç eden insanoğlu Yakındoğu'yu kullanarak tüm dünyaya yayılmıştır. Dolayısıyla Afrika'daki insanlığa ait en eski kültürel bulguları Yakındoğu coğrafyasında da görebilmek mümkündür. Zamanın ilerlemesiyle dünyaya yayılım gösteren insanlar, başka bölgelerde ürettikleri yeni olguları, ulaştıkları bölgelerde kullandıklarından ötürü Yakındoğu ile olan bir takım farklılıklar yaratmışlardır. Dolayısıyla kültürlerde çeşitlenmeler meydana gelmiş ve başlangıçta birbirine benzer olan birçok kültür olgusu zaman içinde değişimler göstererek kendisine özgü bir tarz oluşturmuştur. Bu açıdan gözlemlendiğinde Yakındoğu Paleolitik Çağ bulgularının daha çok Afrika örnekleriyle benzeştiklerini görürüz.