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Thread: [Oldest known poison arrows found, from 60,000 years ago](#)

Hackers - January 9, 2026, 9:51 pm

It has been suspected that older groups would've used poison for hunting or combat, but now it has been proven! This pushes the use of poison tipped arrows back to over 60K years ago

<https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.adz3281>

<https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/07/science/oldest-known-poison-arrow-use>

Before this, a poison applicator was found from roughly 24,000 years ago in South Africa:

<https://www.pnas.org/doi/10.1073/pnas.1204213109>

Pretty cool if you ask me. The more we learn, the more it becomes apparent that humans and other hominins groups were clever when it came to tools & hunting.

RangoWorld - January 9, 2026, 10:46 pm

Wow. It always surprises me how advanced in a way older humans were. They were more advanced than probably we give credit to them.

Hackers - January 10, 2026, 6:12 am

(Jan 9, 2026 11:46 PM)RangoWorld Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wow. It always surprises me how advanced in a way older humans were. They were more advanced than probably we give credit to them.

definitely, there's more and more showing that they had family structures, burials, and other traditions across time.

Simple, but not nothing.