

Harpides sp. (TH307a)

Harpides → Harpida → Harpidina → Harpidoidea → Harpididae

Provenance : Morocco, Fezouata Plains, 'Ouaoufraoute'

Formation : Lower Fezouata Shales Fm

Age : Lower Ordovician (either uppermost Tremadocian or lowermost Floian)

Details : Since 2018, I visit the south-eastern parts of Morocco with my friend Haddach (whom happens to have the same Birthday as myself, and whom truly has become like family to me). For the trip of 2021, it was decided that we should veer away from the up to then almost strictly Devonian find places, to include some Fezouata Plains sites as well. Having made contact immediately with the Oubaha family (see 'Humanitarian Project' section of this site), I already got away, in 2022, with a fine specimen of *Parvilichas marocchi*, bought as brut material (then prepped during our stay by my good friend Brahim Ben Moula). For the trip of 2023, I had set out on the trip in hopes to get brut material of *Harpides* (I already had a specimen, but knew nothing about its specific origins other than it came from the Fezouata – which is just a “specific” as saying that a trilobite comes from the Belgian/German Ardennes). So...

...imagine my delight when during the 2023 trip, the Oubaha family was able to provide me with not just ONE, but TWO specimens with specific find place. “Ouaoufraoute” (which translates as “little rivulet”) is a surname for a site on the Fezouata Plains, roughly North of the “village” of Beni Zoli (but rather a bit off to the West), which does NOT lay in what is currently the “Fezouata Plains Reservation”. Regretfully, I forgot to take pictures of the brut material, so I can only show you what delightful specimen Brahim turned it into.

Bought on : 05/03/2023

Bought at : Village of Tisguine

Prepped by Brahim Ben Moula

Event : MarocTour 2023



