

**Table 130.1** Highly probable identifications of ancient Egyptian stars, asterisms, or constellations, in decreasing right ascension starting with *Sopdet*. For every star group, the table presents its name in hieroglyphic and the transcription, its name in English, and the proposed identification with modern constellations and stars

	Star/constellation	Translation	Identification
	<i>Sopdet</i>	Triangle?	Sirius – CMa
	<i>Sah</i>	Sah	Orion – Lepus
	<i>Aret</i>	Jaw	Hyades – Aldebaran
	<i>Khau</i>	Myriad or Flock	The Pleiades, M45
	<i>Qed</i>	The Circle or Sheepfold	Head of Cetus
	<i>Seba en Sar</i>	Star of Fire	Capella
	<i>Aped</i>	The Bird	Triangulum and Perseus
	<i>Aryt</i>	(The two) Jaw(s)?	Cassiopeia
	<i>Nekhet</i>	The Giant	From Aquila to the Square of Pegasus
	<i>Seret</i>	The Sheep or Goat	Capricornus, perhaps extending to the area of Grus
	<i>Wia</i>	The Boat	Sagittarius
	<i>Khenwy</i>	Two Khanuwy Fishes	Region of $\lambda$ Sco, $\alpha$ Sgr, and $\beta$ Sgr
	<i>Qedty</i>	The two Nets	Corona Australis +?
	<i>Tjmes en Khentet</i>	The Red of the Prow	Antares
	<i>Sebau ashau</i>	Many Stars	Coma Berenices
	<i>Reret (Isis-Djamet)</i>	The Female Hippopotamus	Big area near the pole covering from Lyra to Boötes
		Crocodile on back of <i>Reret</i>	Area of Serpens Caput
	<i>Serqet</i>	Selkis Goddess	Virgo

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	Star/constellation	Translation	Identification
	<i>Tja-nefer</i>	Beautiful Child	Spica
	<i>Menit</i>	Mooring Post	Area between Arcturus and Alkaid
	<i>Meskhetyu</i>	The Bull's Foreleg	Ursa Major
	<i>Anu</i>	Anu, an avatar of Horus	From Lynx to Canes Venatici?
	<i>Ipdjes</i>	Its Own Count or Bright Star	$\beta$ Cen (Hadar)
	<i>Sebeshen</i>	Sage's Star	$\alpha$ Cen (Rigel Kent or Toliman)
	<i>Ushaty Bekaty</i>	Twins and Two Ladies	Southern Cross
	<i>Djat</i>	The Ferryboat	Area of Argo Navis
	<i>Hetep Redwy</i>	Lying on His Feet	Hydra
	<i>Mai</i>	The (Divine) Lion	Leo
	<i>Hequ en Saq</i>	The Plunderer	Leo Minor
	<i>Sebau nu mu</i>	Stars of Water	The Praesepe Cluster (M44)
	<i>Standing man of celestial diagram</i>		Gemini? if not the Giant <i>Nekhet</i> itself
	<i>Tepi-a Sebawy</i>	Predecessor of the Two Stars	Alhena, in Gemini
	<i>Sebawy</i>	Pair of Stars	Castor and Pollux
	<i>Shetui</i>	The Two Tortoises	Procyon and Gomeisa
	<i>Kenmet</i>	Cow?	Canis Major and Puppis
	<i>Nut</i>	The Goddess Nut	The Milky Way?

Interestingly, in a few cases, we know the mythology of the constellations, and, as a result, we better understand their grouping in a certain area of the sky. Such is the case of *Meskhetyu*, *Isis-Djemet*, and the mooring posts. The Book of the Day (Fig. 130.4), compiled in the Ramesside period, explains that the leg of Seth