

Ichthyosaurs – fish-lizard, by Michael Kogan admin@paleophilatelie.eu

Ichthyosaurs ("fish lizards") are an extinct group of aquatic marine reptiles (not fish nor lizards), who lived during the Mesozoic Era from the Early Triassic to the Late Cretaceous, about 250 million to 90 million years ago and were contemporaries of the Dinosaurs.

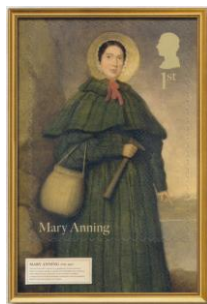


Prehistoric life from the Mesozoic Era on stamps of Nicaragua 1994 (scaled up), Scott: 2041.

The ichthyosaurs evolved a fish-like body adapted for living in water exclusively with streamlined bodies, fins, and a sickle-shaped tail.



Ichthyosaur on stamp of Luxembourg 2024, Scott: 1636

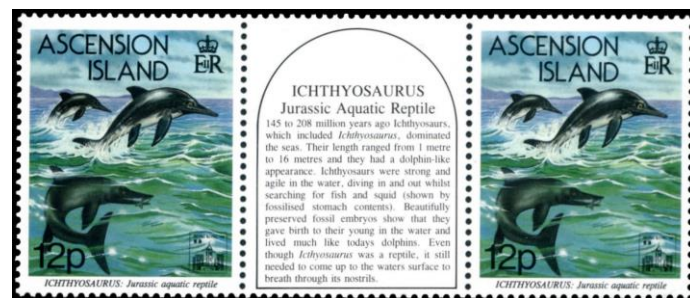


TOP: ichthyosaur, UK 2024, Scott: 4484b.
LEFT: Mary Anning, UK 2024, Scott: 4484a.



TOP: letter from Grenada (reduced).
Bellow: Postcard „Greeting from Castle Banz“ (reduced), Germany1900.

The first recognized Ichthyosaurs fossil was discovered by an amateur palaeontologist from Great Britain, Mary Anning, when she was 11 years old. One of the largest Ichthyosaurs skulls found to date is the skull excavated in 1841 near Castle Banz in Bavaria, Germany.



Ichthyosaur on stamp of Ascension Island 2024, Scott: 575



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