



Have you ever met a Sea Dragon?

Anglian Water has!



# Rutland Water



## Did you know?

It's one of the **largest** man-made lakes in **Europe**, in the smallest county in the UK!

Was built in 1970's to supply drinking water to hundreds of thousands of customers

Provides a range of environmental, social and economic benefits

Is a specially protected area for the rare birds that live there

# What did we find?



love every drop  
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A man with a beard and short dark hair, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt and a green safety vest with reflective stripes, stands outdoors. He is holding a blue toy fish with a yellow beak-like mouth. He is gesturing with his hands, pointing upwards with his right index finger and holding the fish with his left hand. The background shows a body of water and a line of trees under an overcast sky.

They're definitely not swimming dinosaurs.

# What is an Ichthyosaur



...it's **not** a dinosaur  
it's an ancient marine reptile  
which lived in Mesozoic era,  
in the Jurassic period

it was the apex  
predator

it is approximately  
10.5 metres long, largest in  
the UK



Ichthyosaur means  
**'FISH LIZARD'** in Greek





**Preserving  
for the  
future**



# Index fossils

Small fossils around the skeleton are used to identify the age such as ammonites and belemnites.

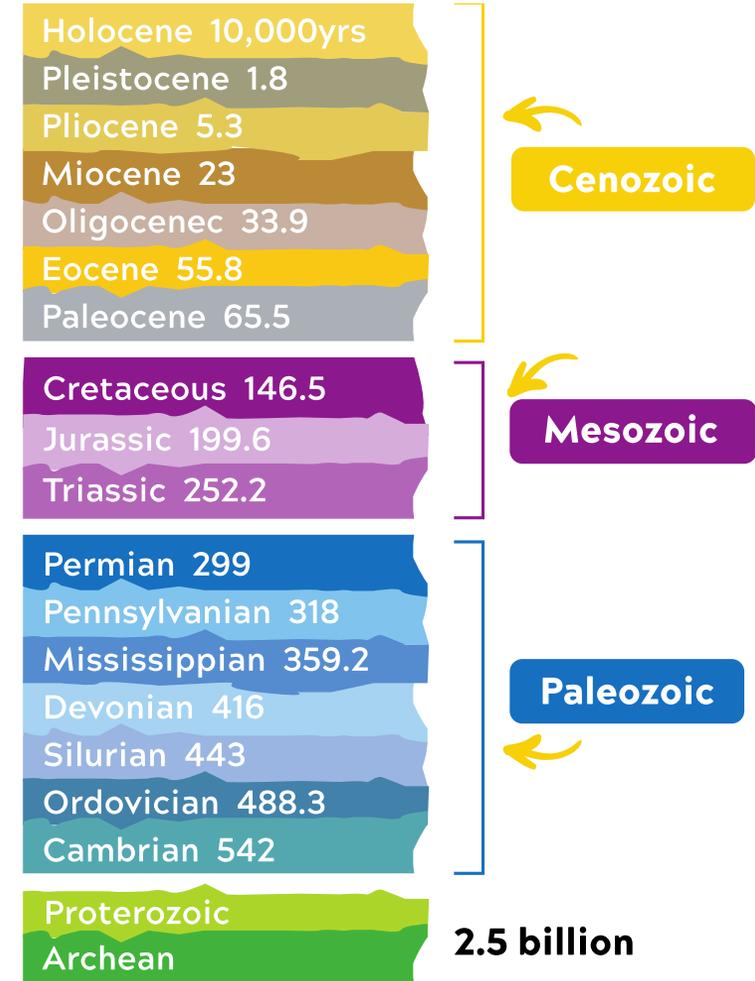


# Geological era

- Do you know how old the Earth is?
- **Ichthyosaurs** lived in the Jurassic period and the Earth looked very different
- Tectonic plate movements were occurring to form today's continents
- **Water is the only constant**

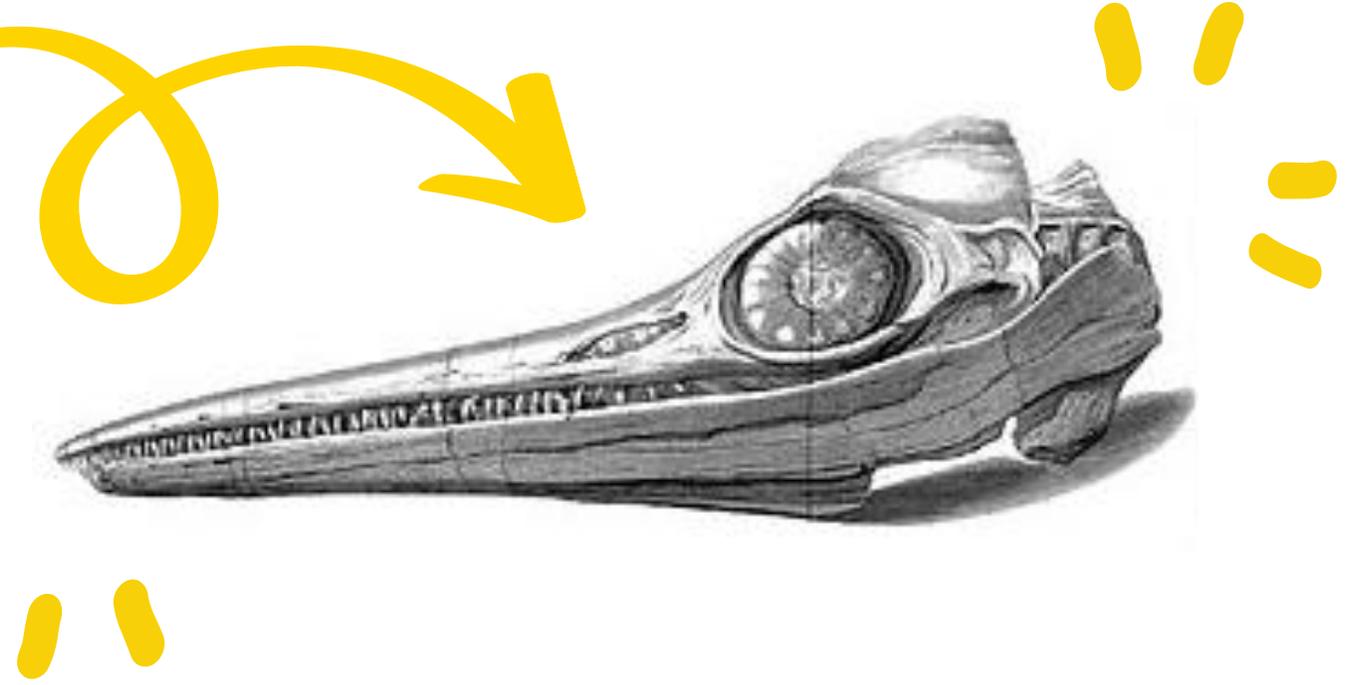
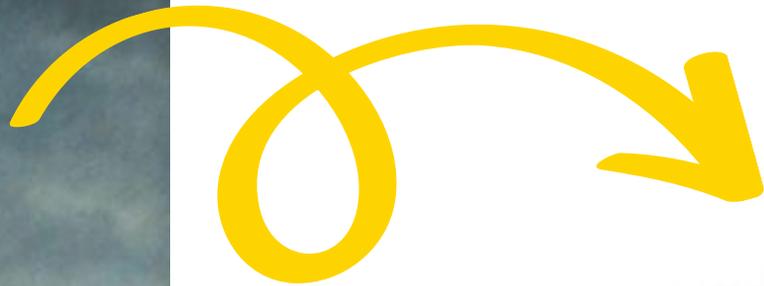
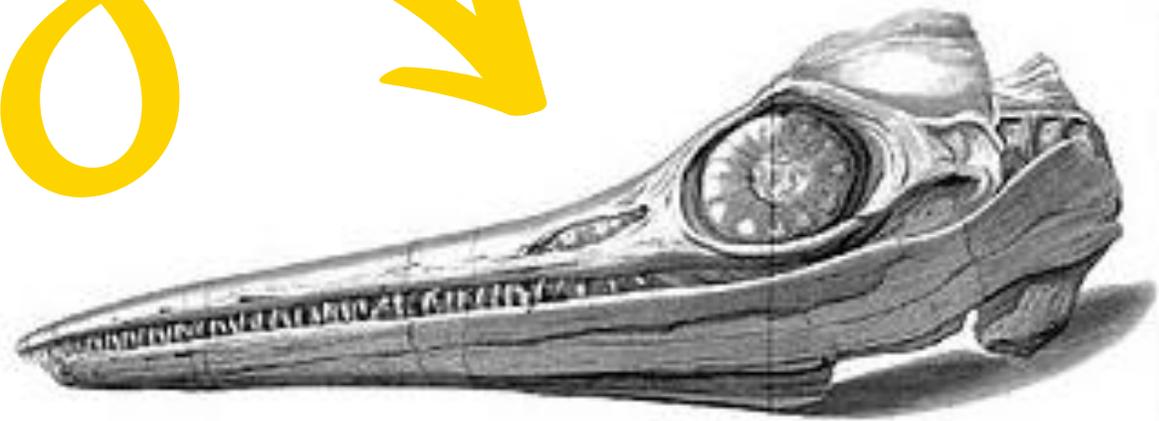


Millions of years ago →



Earth forms 4.6 billion years ago

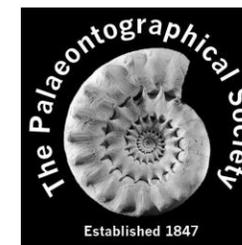
# Mary Anning – An unsung hero



# Collaboration



We've been working closely with local partners on the excavation, conservation and preservation of this remarkable find.



The University of Manchester



# The Rutland Sea Dragon's return



  
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Dragon updates

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