

Dinosaur Spring Moment

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Portugal is very rich in fossils of dinosaurs, mammals and other continental Jurassic vertebrates, with a truly spectacular heritage, being one of the richest countries in the world, from which new great findings have been often reported in the last years, with great contribution to Science. Moreover, the appeal of vertebrate paleontology and the fascination for dinosaurs make them great ambassadors for science among young generations. The Portuguese paleontology has a worldwide impact. Such importance should be proportionally supported by funding scientific research, preservation, curation, and created adequate legislation in order to leverage our heritage and avoid the lost of fossils: a second extinction of dinosaurs.



Legend: The largest European land predator: dinosaur *Torvosaurus gurneyi* from Portugal (artwork by Sergey Krasovskiy).