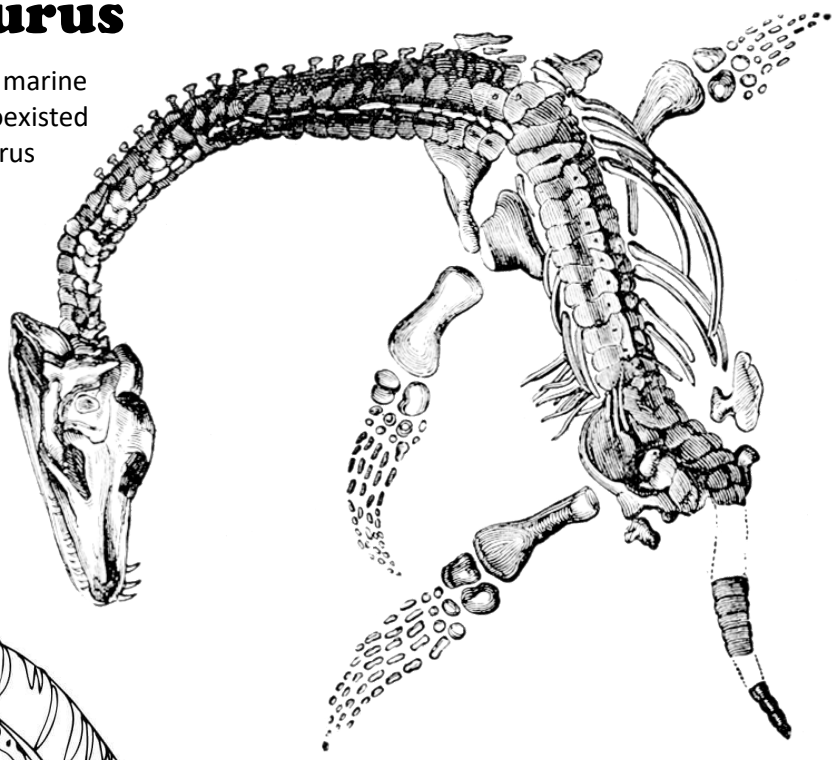
Fossil: Elasmosaurus

Elasmosaurus was a **plesiosaur**, a type of marine reptile. It was not a dinosaur, though it coexisted with many dinosaurs. The first Elasmosaurus fossil was discovered in 1868.

It was a carnivore that existed from 93.9 million years ago to 70.6 million years ago. Ten different fossil specimens have been found by paleontologists.

Compare the drawing of a fossil to the sketch of a living Elasmosaurus. Then color in the drawing and to the right, add some details of the marine environment that this dinosaur would have lived in.