



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **TANZANIA AND GERMANY TO PREPARE A DINOSAUR EXHIBITION**

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The Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism through the National Museum in collaboration with the Museum für Naturkunde – Leibniz Institute for Evolution and Biodiversity Science, in Berlin, Germany, plans to hold a major exhibition of the Dinosaur (the great wonder lizard) and fossil heritage in Tanzania in 2020.

The exhibition will be organized by the German Museum für Naturkunde in Berlin in cooperation with the National Museum of Tanzania. The exhibition supported by the German Federal Foreign Office aims to raise awareness of the natural heritage and fossil natural resources in Tanzania as well as promote domestic and foreign tourism. It is an important opportunity for Tanzanians and foreign visitors to learn in detail about the Dinosaur, the animals that have lived on the planet and also in Tanzania over 100 million years ago.

At this exhibition, the German partners will be responsible for producing an original cast of the famous *Brachiosaurus brancai* (Giraffatitan), importing, constructing and developing the exhibition with digital elements, and ensuring that the materials used to produce the exhibition are in line with the climate conditions of Tanzania. Similarly, the exhibition aims to promote local tourism and attract more tourists from abroad so that they can see the places where these historic animals were found in our country.

The remains of these animals were first discovered in the Tendaguru area of the Lindi region, and were recently also discovered in the Ruhuhu basin in Ruvuma Region, and the Rukwa valley in Songwe. The exhibition will also be useful for training, research and educational opportunities for staff who will participate in the care and maintenance aspects of various collections, including the fossil remains of the animals.

Tanzania is one of the few countries in the world that has large remains of Dinosaurs that make a significant contribution to better understanding the ecology and natural heritage of the world. The discovery of Dinosaur fossils in Tendaguru in the Lindi region led to archaeological and paleontological studies from various universities and institutions around the world to conduct research in the country. As a consequence of the good results of these studies, the remains of the Dinosaurs have also been found in other regions such as Songwe and Ruvuma region, and can lead to many more discoveries of important fossil remains in the country.

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