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### **13.5 foot Jurassic crocodile fossil expected to fetch over \$300,000 USD**

TORONTO, ON - A remarkably well-preserved Jurassic crocodile is the latest geological treasure offered online by Fossil Realm, a Canadian company specializing in rare and exclusive fossils. The 180 million year old crocodile, known as *Steneosaurus bollensis* was discovered in a famous locality called the Holzmaden Shale, in Southwest Germany.

At 13.5 feet long, it's among the largest complete crocodile fossils to ever hit the market, and certainly one of the best preserved. It has many unique features, like tracheal rings and skin impressions, which rarely fossilize. The specimen also has virtually no restoration, which is seldom seen in large vertebrate fossils. It is beautifully embedded in a shale slab weighing 1500 lbs and equipped for wall-hanging.

In December, 2018 a much smaller specimen sold for \$250,000 USD, including premium, at the Bonhmans Natural History Auction in Los Angeles. Given the rising demand for high-end fossils in North America, Europe and Asia, the specimen is expected to realize well over \$300,000 USD. The crocodile was recently listed for sale on [www.fossilrealm.com](http://www.fossilrealm.com) and CEO Peter Lovisek is confident it will sell quickly, given the rarity of the piece: "the market for these types of fossils is pretty hot right now - we recently sold a 9 foot croc from the same region to a private collector in Switzerland."

Lovisek has scoured the globe in search of fantastic natural history specimens for over 20 years and this particular specimen stands out more than any other to him: "it is the most impressive piece we've ever offered. I immediately knew we had to acquire it when I first laid eyes on it...a specimen like this will likely never be found again, especially given the decline of commercial quarrying in the region."

#### **About Fossil Realm**

Fossil Realm is a world-renowned online dealer of exclusive fossil specimens. Since 2002, it has specialized in rare and visually stunning pieces for discerning collectors, museums and galleries. The Fossil Realm showroom is located in Vaughan, Ontario.

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*Fossil Realm CEO Peter Lovisek poses with massive crocodile fossil worth over \$300,000 USD*