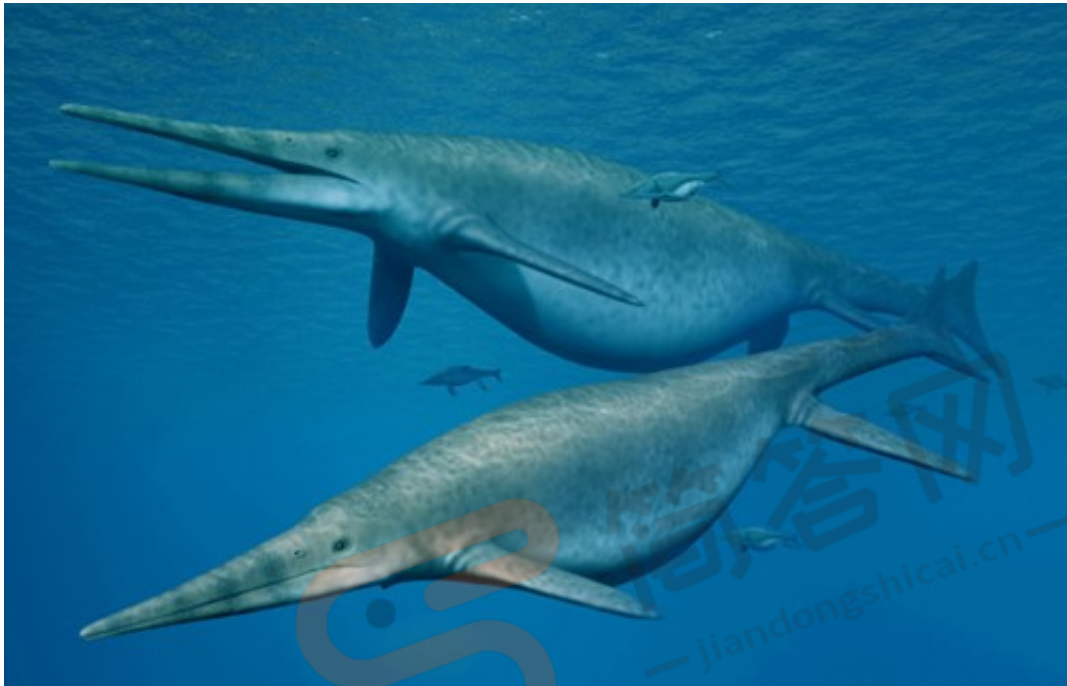


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科学家发现迄今为止最大海洋爬行动物化石—鱼龙。这不是科学家首次发现鱼龙，但它是迄今为止最大的。



A 250 million-year-old jawbone found in the UK was from an 85-foot sea beast.

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Experts say the ichthyosaur was as big as blue whales, the largest animals ever. The findings were published in PLOS One.

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Dean Lomax of Manchester University said the 2016 discovery in Lillstock, Somerset, was “25 percent larger” than a 68-foot ichthyosaur jawbone found in 2004.

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Lomax said: “As the specimen is represented only by a large piece of jaw, it is difficult to provide a size estimate, but by using a simple scaling factor and comparing the same bone in shonisaurus sikanniensis, the Lillstock

specimen is about 25 percent larger.”

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“Other comparisons suggest the Lilstock ichthyosaur was at least 65 to 82 feet.”

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"Of course, such estimates are not entirely realistic because of differences between species."

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“Nonetheless, simple scaling is commonly used to estimate size, especially when comparative material is scarce.”

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