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# Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **FISH FOSSIL NOW ON DISPLAY**

MORDEN, Manitoba - The Xiphactinus fish fossil recently discovered by the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre is now on display. This fossil is the largest fish specimen in the CFDC collection at an estimated 18 feet in length. The CFDC houses the largest collection of marine reptile fossils in Canada.

“The big fossil discovery of the season is now on display for the general public. This exhibit will evolve as we bring more of the skeleton back to the museum,” said museum curator Anita Janzic. The CFDC fossil crew will continue to excavate this fossil discovery throughout the summer and fall. The exhibit will be upgraded as new fossils become available throughout the season. The dig site is multilayered and filled with a variety of other fossils including mosasaur and hesperornis fossils.

“This new exhibit further demonstrates that the province of Manitoba has a world-class resource - ancient sea monster fossils,” stated general manager Tyler Schroeder. “This fish exhibit is showcasing the amazing success of our fossil discovery activities. There are very few places in the world that experience the success we have with our dig program.”

This new Xiphactinus fish fossil display is the feature of numerous improvements and renovations to the CFDC galleries this year. The improvements are already leading to another record visitation year, as over 6,750 people have visited the museum in 2010.

The CFDC fossil crew continues to have amazing success. In 2008 the crew discovered a huge mosasaur skeleton, found fossils on 100% of digs in 2009 and has now found it's largest fish fossil in 2010. A major excavation of a plesiosaur fossil is scheduled for 2011. The CFDC continues to assert itself as a world-class centre for paleontological research in North America.

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*The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre houses the largest collection of marine reptile fossils in Canada, including a 43-foot long mosasaur named “Bruce”, the largest mosasaur in the country. Housed in the Morden Community Centre, the CFDC is working towards building a new state-of-the-art facility in the Manitoba Escarpment.*

*The general public is invited to get their hands dirty at one of our fossil-rich sites through our Fossil Dig Adventure Tours this summer. More information is available at [discoverfossils.com](http://discoverfossils.com).*

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