



Smithsonian Institution
Traveling Exhibition Service

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A Traveling Exhibition



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The Smithsonian Institution invites you to be part of an exciting new traveling exhibition: *Sea Monsters Unearthed*, which will share the unique geological and paleontological heritage of Angola with the American people.

Based on the Smithsonian exhibition now on display at the National Museum of Natural History, *Sea Monsters Unearthed* invites visitors to explore modern Angola's fossil-filled cliffs, dive into Cretaceous Angola's cool coastal waters, and learn about the evolutionary, geological, and environmental forces that shaped life in the ocean then and now.

Featuring real fossils and full-scale reconstructions, as well as panoramic murals, animations, interactives, and videos, *Sea Monsters Unearthed* immerses visitors in an ancient ocean ecosystem that's both strange and surprisingly familiar.

Prognathodon Kianda, one of the stars of *Sea Monsters Unearthed*



Projecto PaleoAngola

Sea Monsters Unearthed, which explores life in Angola's ancient seas, showcases the work of Projecto PaleoAngola. PaleoAngola is an international cooperative research group leading the effort to uncover and preserve the geologic and paleontological heritage of Angola, whose sea cliffs hold a unique fossil record dating over 90 million years. Since 2005, scientists from Angola, Portugal, and the United States have worked together to recover dozens of major fossils, some of which are featured in *Sea Monsters Unearthed*.

Projecto PaleoAngola is also working to foster the next generation of Angolan scientists and researchers and to support the establishment of scientific infrastructure in Angola so they can safeguard their country's extraordinary prehistoric treasures.



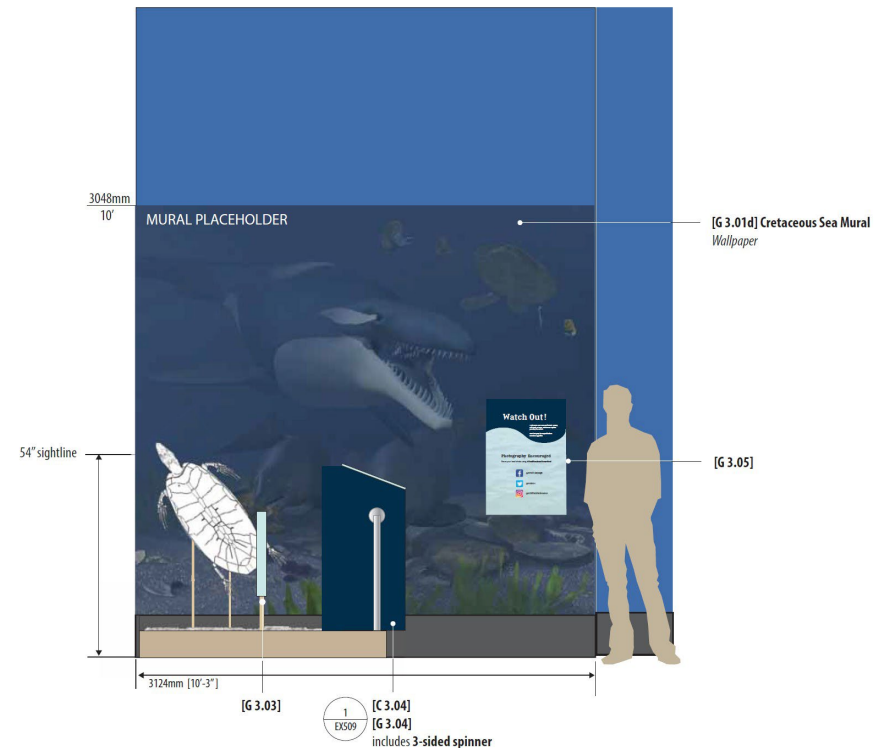
Exhibition and U.S. Tour

SITES will adapt the exhibition currently on view at the National Museum of Natural History for a national tour.

Includes

- Full skeletal casts of a mosasaur and an ancient sea turtle
- 13 fossil specimens including: mosasaur skull and jaw, plesiosaur fin, and scavenged bones
- Tactile casts of mosasaur jaw, stomach contents, and ancient sea turtle skull fragments
- Exhibitory, including recreated Angolan dig site
- 3 informational videos, including a large-scale projection of the ancient Cretaceous seas
- Physical interactives
- Life-size murals and animation
- Larger fossils mounted in lifelike positions and smaller fossils displayed in cases with security locks
- Spanish translation
- Project staff assistance at each venue for installation and deinstallation

The exhibition focuses on the themes of biodiversity, geology, and what fossils can tell us about the past and our world today. There is an emphasis on the tools and activities of paleontologists aimed at encouraging young people to consider science careers.



Specifications

- 1,200 to 1,500 square feet
- National tour to 10 venues
- 12-week display slots
- Tour planned from June 2025 to May 2028
- Fee: \$43,000 per slot plus \$10,000 shipping within the contiguous United States.

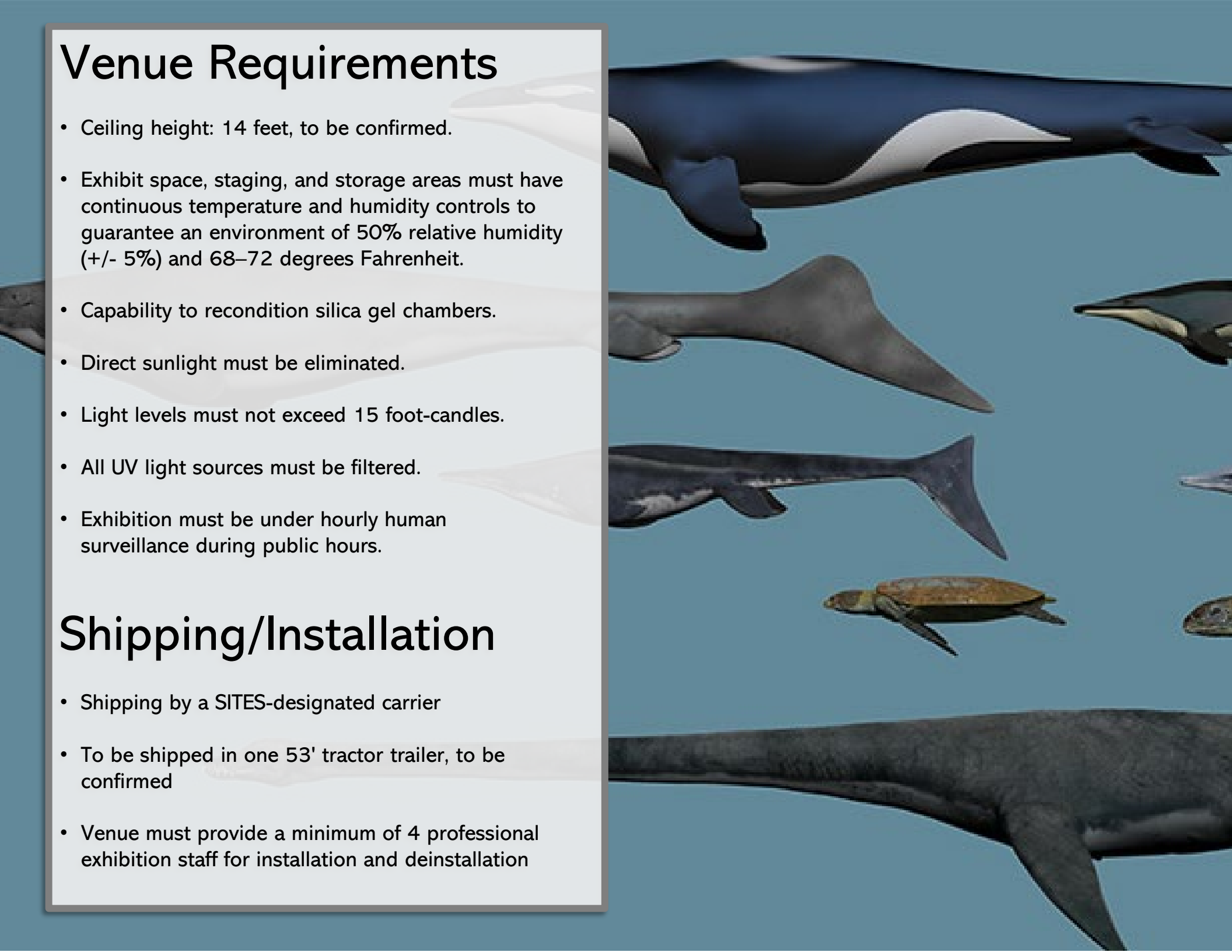


Venue Requirements

- Ceiling height: 14 feet, to be confirmed.
- Exhibit space, staging, and storage areas must have continuous temperature and humidity controls to guarantee an environment of 50% relative humidity (+/- 5%) and 68–72 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Capability to recondition silica gel chambers.
- Direct sunlight must be eliminated.
- Light levels must not exceed 15 foot-candles.
- All UV light sources must be filtered.
- Exhibition must be under hourly human surveillance during public hours.

Shipping/Installation

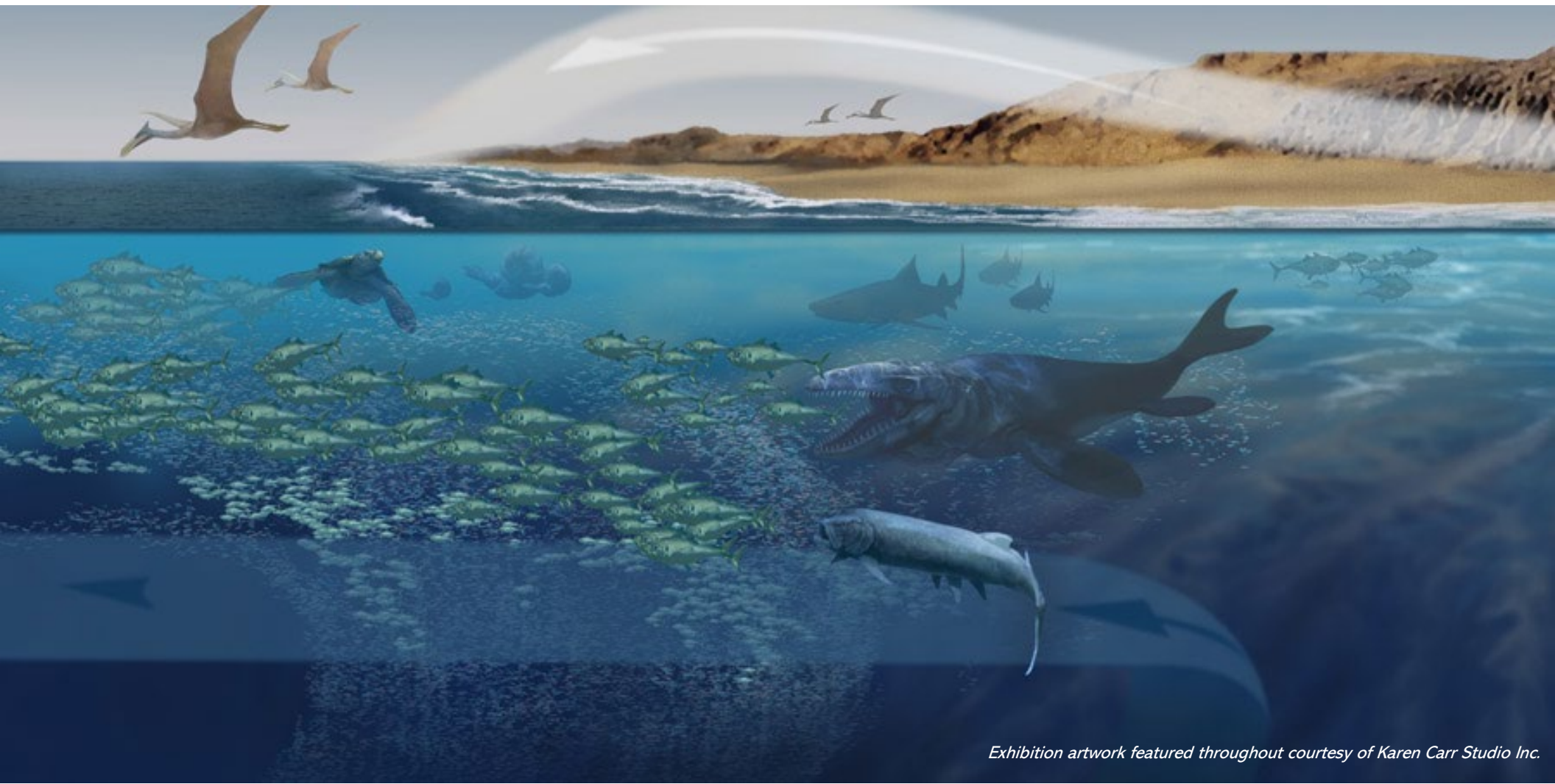
- Shipping by a SITES-designated carrier
- To be shipped in one 53' tractor trailer, to be confirmed
- Venue must provide a minimum of 4 professional exhibition staff for installation and deinstallation



For more information on how you can host

Sea Monsters Unearthed

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