

Living Fossil

This is a Giant Salamander's fossil 23 millions years ago, excavated in the German town of Oeningen (or Ohningen), close to the Swiss border, as shown on the wall.

In the case is a modern Giant Salamander.

If you compare the skeletons of both they are very similar.

Even though humans have evolved from our ape ancestors over 6 million years ago, the Giant Salamander has not evolved since this fossil from 23 million years ago, giving it the name “the living fossil”.

