

Stegosaurus sets record at auction

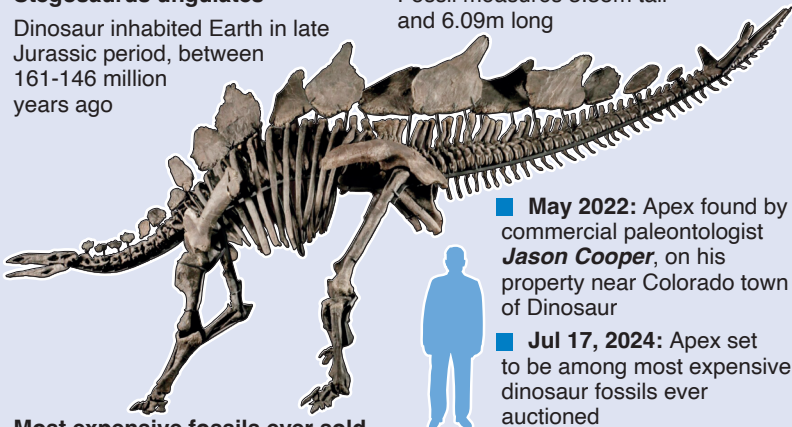
A 150-million-year-old, nearly complete *Stegosaurus* skeleton sold for \$44.6 million at auction at Sotheby's in New York.

The colossal fossil was nicknamed "Apex"

Stegosaurus ungulatus

Dinosaur inhabited Earth in late Jurassic period, between 161-146 million years ago

Fossil measures 3.35m tall and 6.09m long



■ **May 2022:** Apex found by commercial paleontologist **Jason Cooper**, on his property near Colorado town of Dinosaur

■ **Jul 17, 2024:** Apex set to be among most expensive dinosaur fossils ever auctioned

Most expensive fossils ever sold



■ **Stan, \$31.8 million:** Christie's sell *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil (left) in 2020 to state of Abu Dhabi

■ **Sue, \$8.36 million (\$16.22m today):** Sotheby's sell most complete T-rex ever found, in 1997 to Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago

■ **Hector, \$12.4 million:** Christie's sell *Deinonychus* – close relative of *Velociraptor* – in 2022 to undisclosed buyer

■ **Big John, \$7.7 million:** Drouot in Paris sells *Triceratops* fossil in 2021 to private collector

■ **Gorgosaurus, \$6.1 million:** Sotheby's in New York sell close relative to T-rex to private buyer

■ **TRX-293 Trinity, \$6.13 million:** In 2023, Switzerland's Köhler sells composite skeleton from three T-rex discoveries to private buyer

■ **Maximus, \$6.1 million:** Sotheby's in New York sell T-rex skull in 2022. Skull is 75% complete, and weighs approximately 72.7kg