












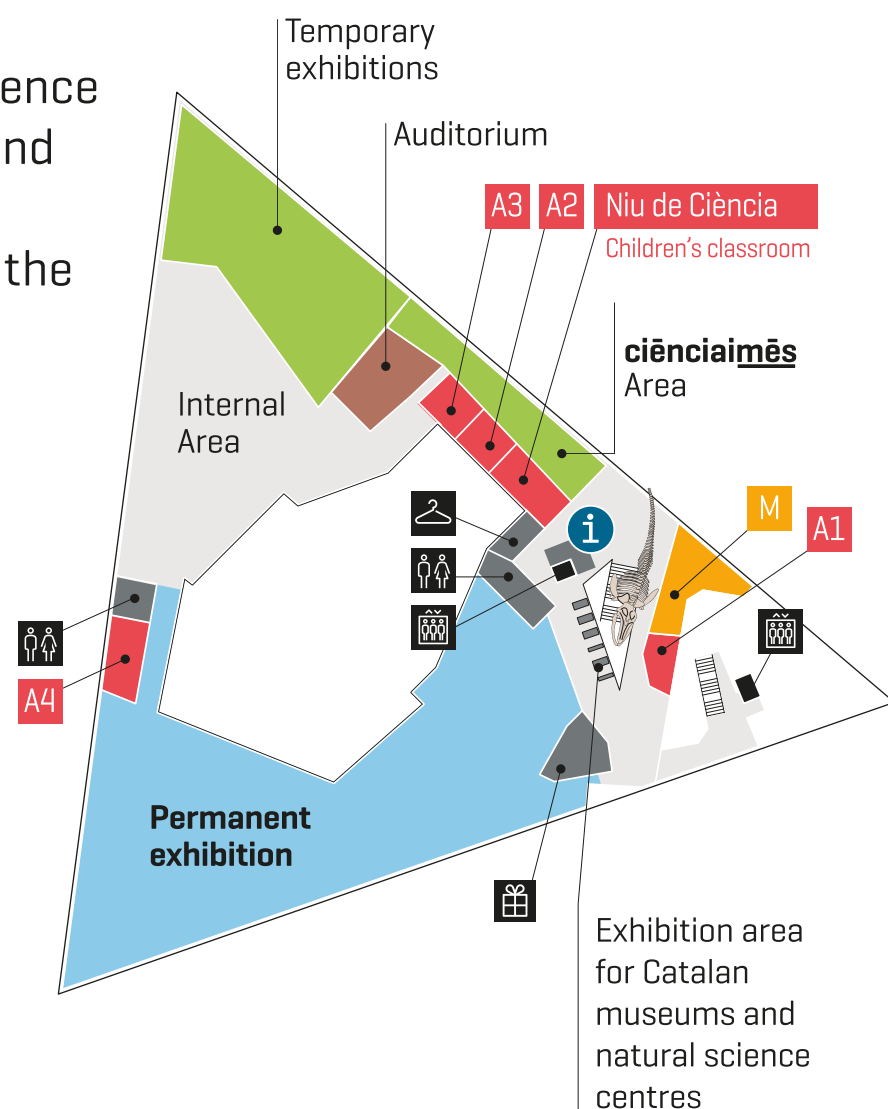
**Skeleton of the common rorqual whale
[*Balaenoptera physalus*]**
Almost 20 metres long and weighing a tonne.
Found on Llançà beach (Costa Brava) in June 1862.

Welcome to the Museum

A cultural space that blends science and science communication, play and learning about nature, leisure and insights to the debate on pressing environmental issues.

Facilities

-  Information
-  Classrooms
-  Media Library
-  Cloakroom
-  Toilets
-  Lifts
-  Shop
-  Temporary exhibitions
-  Permanent exhibition



What to do in the Museum

Mediateca [Media Library]

Consult and borrow books, audios, documentaries, images, maps and games on nature. Free of charge. From 7 years old.

Niu de Ciència [Children's classroom]

Explore, discover and play at science with the youngest family members. 0-6 years old.

Temporary exhibitions

Explore natural science themes: recent scientific and social discoveries, the history of science, nature and biodiversity.

Permanent exhibition

Learn about how life and the Earth developed simultaneously, from their beginnings to the present. This permanent exhibition is divided into three areas: Biography of the Earth, Earth Today and Islands of Science.

Ciènciainmès area

Displays showing nature as depicted in photography, art and science.

Living Terrace

Walk around one of the largest green roofs in Barcelona, with vegetation adapted to the Mediterranean climate.



Information

If you don't have time to see all of the permanent exhibition, reuse the same ticket on another day. Further information at the Ticket Office.

Accessibility

The Museum has guided tours and specific resources for individuals/groups with disabilities.

Hire

The Museum has several areas suitable for events, presentations and seminars. If interested, contact museuciencies@bcn.cat

Bookings

For school visits or groups of 10 or more, contact activmuseuciencies@bcn.cat or call 0034 932 562 220

Stay informed

To receive information about the Museum's activities, complete the form available at the Reception Desk and in the Media Library.

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Permanent exhibition

See how life and Earth evolved together and marvel at nature's diversity.

★ Not to be missed! Emblematic items from the Museum's collections

Introduction

Two audiovisual projections:

A From the Big Bang to the future [6' 30"]

Images recreating the Big Bang, the creation of the Universe and the formation of the Earth's continents to the present and into the future.

B What do we know about the Earth? [5' 15"]

How scientists like Copernicus, Hutton, Lyell, Darwin, Wegener, Blackett and Lovelock have contributed to our understanding of life and the Earth.

Biography of the Earth

Step into a time tunnel and explore the history of life from its origins to the present day. Discover what the planet was like when the first living beings emerged and learn about evolutionary milestones and geological change.

The Earth Today

Marvel at nature's great diversity of shapes and colours in some 4,500 specimens from the Museum's collections, covering all the natural science disciplines [astronomy, biology, botany, geology, physics, chemistry, etc].

Rest areas

Visual chillout

Take a break and enjoy images of nature accompanied by a gentle soundtrack.

Sound chillout

Relax with a soundtrack of a spring day in Montseny Natural Park: wind, a river in flow, birds, toads ...

Science Islands

Specific themes from nature are explained in these independent areas:

- island 1** Evolution
- island 2** Classification and nomenclature
- island 3** Animal behaviour
- island 4** The Mediterranean
- island 5** The cabinet of curiosities
- island 6** Biodiversity in Catalonia



12 Microbe table-display
Stabilized microbe colonies.

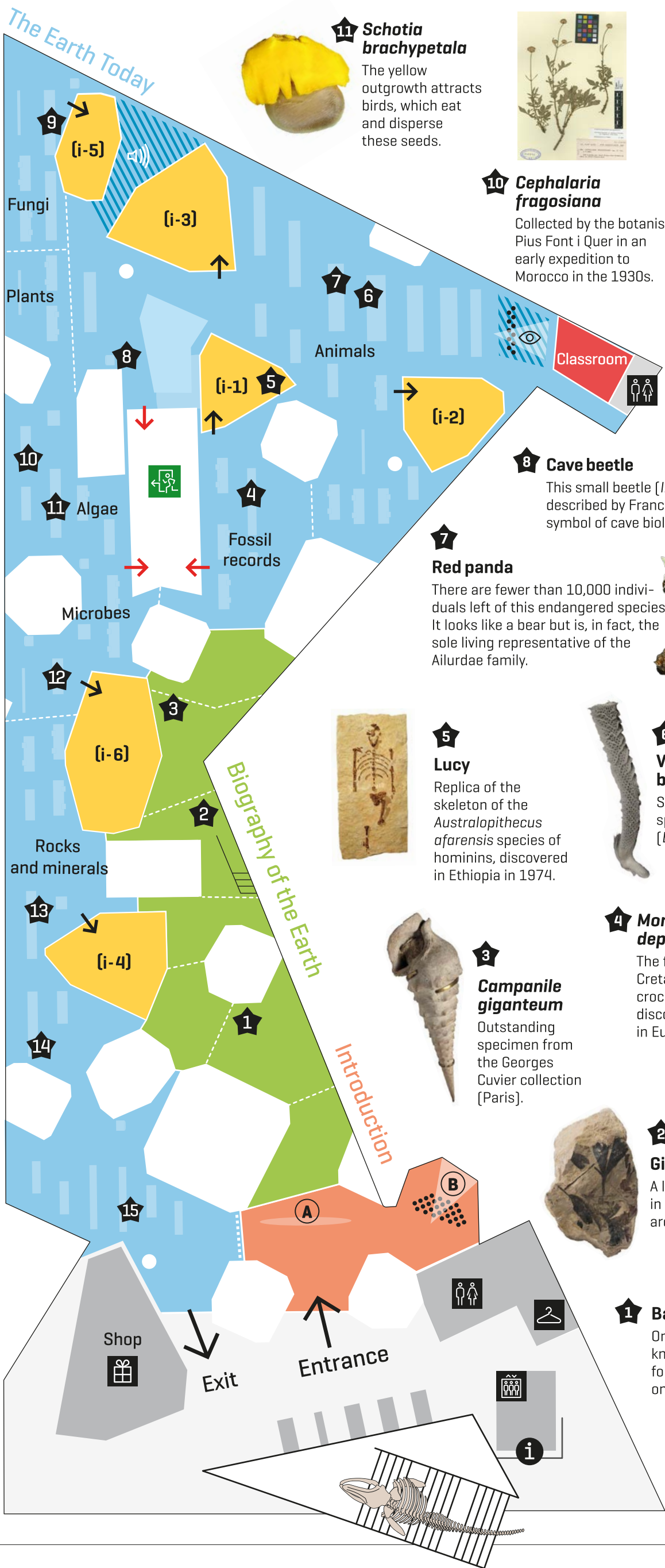
13 Pyromorphite
Formed by six-sided, intensely green, larger-than-normal crystals.



14 Landscaped sandstone
Wind erosion and sedimentation result in unusual formations.



15 Gypsum
An extraordinary mineral given the size and transparency of its crystals.



11 Schotia brachypetala
The yellow outgrowth attracts birds, which eat and disperse these seeds.



10 Cephalaria fragosiana
Collected by the botanist Pius Font i Quer in an early expedition to Morocco in the 1930s.



9 Fungi display
Lyophilized fungi of Catalonia



8 Cave beetle
This small beetle (*Illobates neboti*), first described by Francesc Español, is the symbol of cave biology (biospeleology).

7 Red panda
There are fewer than 10,000 individuals left of this endangered species. It looks like a bear but is, in fact, the sole living representative of the Ailuridae family.



5 Lucy
Replica of the skeleton of the *Australopithecus afarensis* species of hominins, discovered in Ethiopia in 1974.



6 Venus' flower basket
Skeleton of a spectacular sponge [*Euplectella aspergillum*].



4 Montsecosuchus depereti
The first Early Cretaceous crocodile discovered in Europe.



3 Campanile giganteum
Outstanding specimen from the Georges Cuvier collection [Paris].



2 Ginkgo huttoni
A living fossil found in many places around the world.



1 Banded iron
One of the oldest known rock formations on Earth.

