

BC Fossil Management Framework

General Authority to Manage Fossils <i>Land Act, Heritage Conservation Act, Mineral Tenure Act</i>		
Tools and Procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fossil management policy 		
Site and Specimen Protection	Managing Impacts on Fossils	Managing Access to fossils
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines for assessing significance of fossil sites. Criteria for what constitutes a significant fossil or fossil site. Legislative tools for site protection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Land Act, Heritage Conservation Act, Park Act, Mineral Tenure Act, Mines Act.</i> Public education and recognition activities. Site management through partnerships with non-government organizations, First Nations and Local Governments. Custodian guidelines. Provincial export process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fossil impact assessment process and guidelines. Reporting fossil finds. Fossil handbook – information about fossil ownership and rights; rules around reporting and collecting fossils in BC; how to recognize fossils, and who to contact to report fossil discoveries. Data sharing agreement for consultants requesting fossil sites data. Pool of Qualified Persons to conduct fossil impact assessments. Chance-find protocol for industry and developers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and tenures to provide access to collect fossils for research, tourism and commercial use. Amateur/recreational fossil collection guidelines for permission policy.
Data management: Important fossil area map, fossil site database, web mapping and query tools		
Compliance and enforcement of natural resource laws, designations and tenure terms & conditions		