## BC Fossil Management Framework

### General Authority to Manage Fossils
*Land Act, Heritage Conservation Act, Mineral Tenure Act*

### Tools and Procedures
- Fossil management policy

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<td>- Guidelines for assessing significance of fossil sites.</td>
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<td>- Criteria for what constitutes a significant fossil or fossil site.</td>
<td>- Reporting fossil finds.</td>
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<td>- Legislative tools for site protection:</td>
<td>- 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.</td>
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<td>- Public education and recognition activities.</td>
<td>- Pool of Qualified Persons to conduct fossil impact assessments.</td>
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<td>- Site management through partnerships with non-government organizations, First Nations and Local Governments.</td>
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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