Fossil Bivalvia, Gastropoda, Brachiopoda and Porifera - Fossil Seashells, Snails, Brachiopods and Sponges

The collection is composed as follows:

- Gastropoda: approx. 160,000 specimens
- Bivalvia: approx. 110,000 specimens
- Brachiopoda: approx. 52,000 specimens
- Porifera: approx. 5,300 specimens

The collection comprises over 325,000 individual pieces. It has considerable historical value, having grown from the collections of famous 19th century palaeontologists such as Leopold von Buch, Ernst-Friedrich von Schlotheim, Heinrich Ernst Beyrich and Friedrich August Quenstedt. The collections contain items from every region on the planet. Its geographical focus, however, lies in Germany, Europe and the former German colonies.

The major part of the collection has been put into systematic order. Type material and figured specimens originate from well-known collectors, including:
Bivalvia: Beushausen; Böhm; Dahmer; Dietrich; Fiebelkorn; Frech; Fuchs; Klinghardt; von Schlotheim; Speyer; Spriestersbach.
Gastropoda: Beyrich; Binkhorst; Gründel; Hilgendorf; Kaunhowen; Koken; Oppenheim; Philippi; von Schlotheim; Tembrock.
Brachiopoda: Dahmer; Fuchs; Kayser; Paeckelmann; von Richthofen; Sartanaer; Spriestersbach.

The systematic collection is complemented by several stratigraphic and regional subcollections, such as molluscs dating from the Upper Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous in Tanzania, especially from around the dinosaur excavation site at Tendaguru. Rudists from the Upper Cretaceous (Klinghardt Collection); molluscs from the Upper Cretaceous and Palaeogene of the type-rich area of the Maastrichtian (van Binkhorst Collection); molluscs from the European Caenozoic (Bamberg Collection); molluscs from the North German Oligocene (Hubach Collection); molluscs from the Egyptian Miocene (Schweinfurth Collection).

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