







View of completed model

Total length : approx. 7 m; weight : approx. 1.5 t; taxonomy : Order Plesiosauria, suborder Elasmosauridae Period : late Cretaceous period (approximately 85 million years ago) ; habitat : Japan

## **Futabasaurus**

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Futabasaurus was a marine reptile related to the plesiosaurus that lived in the seas near Japan in the late Cretaceous period of the Mesozoic era. Plesiosauruses are not considered dinosaurs; rather, they were reptiles, more like lizards. The name Futabasaurus reflects the discovery of its fossils in the Futaba strata in the city of lwaki in Fukushima Prefecture of Japan in 1968, by Tadashi Suzuki, a high-school student at the time. In 2006, the creature was given the scientific name Futabasaurus suzukii, the sole member of a new genus. Some Futabasaurus fossils have been found to show signs of shark teeth. While Futabasaurus may indeed have been attacked by sharks, it also is possible that sharks simply gnawed on the body of a Futabasaurus once it was already dead.

- \* This model was designed for Papercraft and may differ from the original in some respects.
- Parts list (pattern): Four A4 sheets (No. 1 to No. 4)
- No. of Parts: 23
- \* Build the model by carefully reading the Assembly Instructions, in the parts sheet page order.













