

Paleontologia Electronica is still number one for new open access fossil species

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In 2000, *Paleontologia Electronica* made history as the first journal to publish descriptions of new species in electronic format (Scott et al., 2000; see history in Louys et al., 2017a). In the years since, PE has published over 300 new fossil taxa, always open access and freely accessible online.

At the close of our twentieth year, we would like to congratulate Kleyton Magno Cantalice and Jesús Alvarado-Ortega, whose new taxon *Eekaulostomus cuevasae* (Figure 1) was chosen as number one on the “Top 10 Open Access Fossil Taxa of 2017” list (Farke, 2017), based on their paper published in PE (Cantalice and Alvarado-Ortega, 2016). *Eekaulostomus cuevasae* was selected from 45 candidates; the remainder of the top ten included dinosaurs, other vertebrates, a polychaete, and a fungus.

Eekaulostomus cuevasae is a relative of the extant trumpetfish and cornetfish, which are found in tropical and subtropical seas. It is unique in that its body is entirely covered by star-shaped scutes. It is also the oldest described member of its superfamily and the first discovered in the Americas. Modern trumpetfish and cornetfish live in coastal waters, often coral reefs, where they feed on small fish and invertebrates.

On another note, we have added DOIs to all articles from 2014 through 2017 and will continue to add them to articles from previous years. Many thanks to all those who have contributed to our Patron Program (<http://palaeo-electronica.org/content/patronage-program>), which has made it possible to offer DOIs while keeping PE free for authors (Louys et al., 2017b). We would, of course, welcome additional donations from interested readers who would like to support our mission.

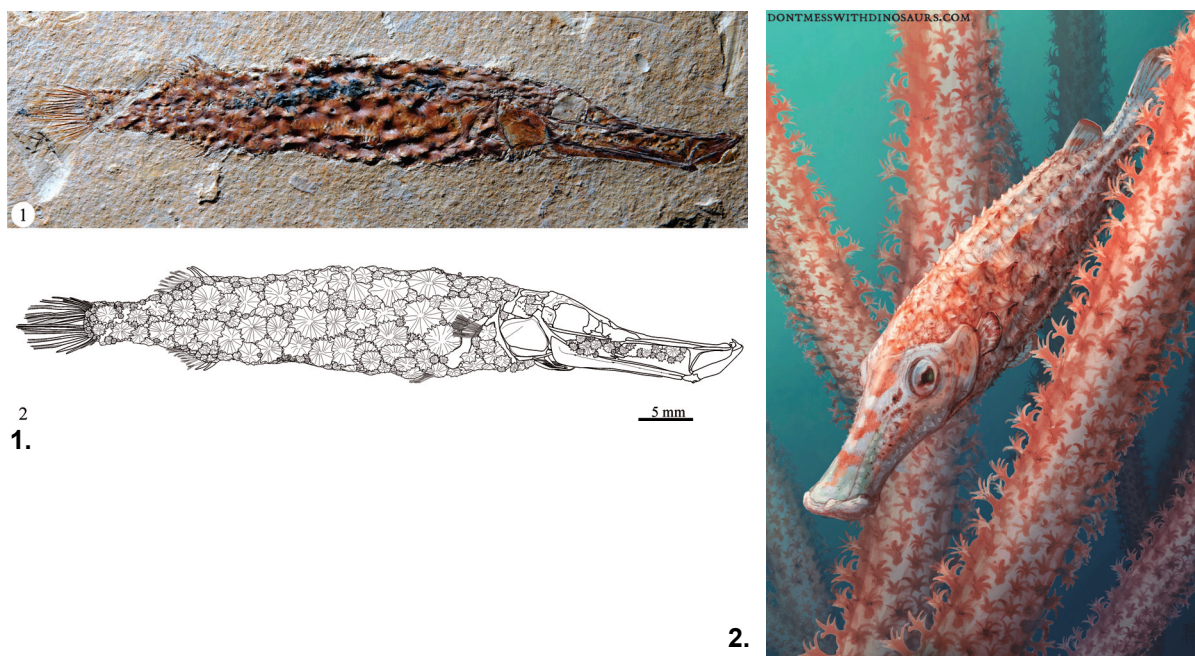


FIGURE 1. *Eekaulostomus cuevasae*, an extinct armored trumpetfish, and the top open access fossil taxon of 2017 (Farke, 2017). Reproduced from Cantalice and Alvarado-Ortega (2016). **2.** Illustration of trumpetfish from Brian Engh, <http://dontmesswithdinosaurs.com>.

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