

A fossil rhinoceros skull  
from alluvial sediments of the Po river near Cremona, Southern Europe  
A short report

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At the beginning of July of this year, a fossil skull of rhinoceros was discovered on alluvial sediments of the Po river near Cremona.

The preservation of the fossil is exceptionally good: all the elements of the skull, with the exception of the left third upper molar, are present.

Furthermore the skull does not exhibit abrasive signs. These conditions are in accordance with a short fluvial transport.

After a preliminary morphological analysis, the skull was assigned to the genus *Stephanorhinus*.

Presently, the specimen is preserved in the Palaeoanthropological Museum of San Daniele Po (Cremona province).



The official consignment of the fossil rhinoceros skull found on the left bank of Po near Cremona to the Museo di San Daniele Po by the finder. From the left: Simone Ravara (the museum director), Ennio Mondoni (the finder), and Davide Persico (the S. Daniele Po mayor and palaeontologist).