

# Coelacanths: the living fossil

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The coelacanths belong to an ancient [order](#) which is more related to amphibians. This living fossil was thought to have gone extinct 66 million years ago, until a living specimen belonging to the order was [discovered](#) in 1938. They are called as living fossils because they seem to have undergone very minimal changes from the prehistoric times.