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13	ABSTRACT - A new Plesiosauria specimen from the Cenomanian (early Late Cretaceous) of
14	Algora (Castilla-La-Mancha, Spain) is described here. It represents the first one found in this
15	area and one of the few from the Cretaceous of Spain, being the only one preserving several
16	bones. This is also one of the few plesiosaur specimen found in the Cretaceous of Europe. The
17	specimen consists of a caudal vertebra and an almost complete pelvic girdle, whose character
18	combination permits to refer it to an indeterminate Elasmosauridae. This is the first evidence of
19	plesiosaur in the coastal marine outcrops of Algora, which has already yielded terrestrial
20	freshwater and coastal reptile taxa. This plesiosaur specimen can therefore represents either a
21	carcass of a pelagic animal thrown on the coast by waves and currents (thanatocoenosis), or
22	remains of an animal living in the area (biocoenosis).
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