



Musankwa Sanyatiensis

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Recently, scientists have discovered fossils of a new **dinosaur** species, **Musankwa sanyatiensis**, along the shores of [Lake Kariba](#) in **Zimbabwe**.

- This herbivorous dinosaur weighed around 390 kg and lived in swampy areas during the **Late Triassic period** (about 210 million years ago).
- It is named after the **houseboat** used during the expeditions and the **Sanyati River** flowing into **Lake Kariba**.
- It is the first dinosaur named from the **Mid-Zambezi Basin** in over 50 years and only the 4th dinosaur species named from the country.
- Africa has a long history of dinosaur discoveries, with the first found in South Africa just 3 years after the term "**dinosaur**" was coined in 1842.
- **Dinosaurs** (a diverse group of reptiles) lived around 243 to 233 million years ago, and diversified into various forms during the **Jurassic and Cretaceous periods**.
- They include birds, which evolved from theropods, and extinct non-avian dinosaurs.

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