

# Collections Seminar Series

A seminar

Thursday 24 March 2016

Flett Events Theatre



## Made in Madagascar

14.30-15.30

This seminar will discuss the controversies of the fossil trade.

The fossil trade is thriving, with major international shows and numerous local shows globally, dominated by pieces from Madagascar and Morocco. With fakes and illegal specimens among what's on offer, how can you be sure what you're buying? Such is the concern, some regard specimens that have passed through a dealer's hands as scientifically worthless, and in America, where views are particularly passionate, the Society of Vertebrate Palaeontology has a code of ethics for procurement.

Museums must tread carefully, curators must practice due diligence and have knowledge of where fossil collecting is permitted and trading is legal. Join this session to hear more, and how it can be as simple as knowing that a fossil has been processed and labelled Made in Madagascar.

### Open to all

The seminar is open to all museum professionals.

Please email Zoë Hughes on [z.hughes@nhm.ac.uk](mailto:z.hughes@nhm.ac.uk) for more information and/or to book a place.

Natural History Museum staff do not need to book.

### Speakers

Dr Martin Munt, Head of Palaeobiology Collections, Department of Earth Sciences, Natural History Museum.

### Networking opportunity

Tea and coffee will be available in the lobby area at the end of the session.

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