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Scientific Name: *S. stenops*, *S. ungulates* and *S. sulcatus*

Name Origin: "Stegos" meaning roofed, and "saurus" meaning lizard

Discoverer: Team lead by Othniel Charles Marsh

Type of Dinosaur: Stegosaurid

Geological Period: Late Jurassic (Kimmeridgian-Tithonian)

Age: 154-152 million years ago

Height: ~3 meters (~9 feet) hip height

Length: 9 meters (~30 feet)

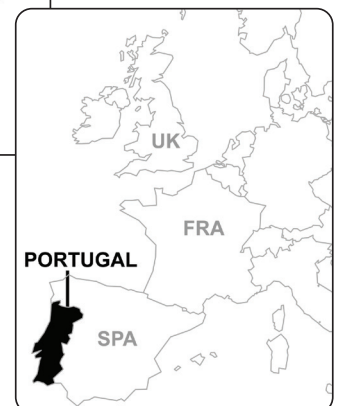
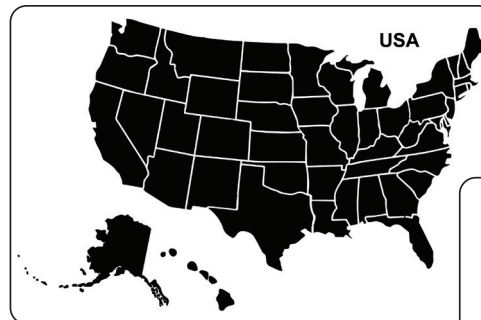
Mass: ~8 tonnes (~17,637 pounds)

Diet: Herbivore

Location: USA, Portugal

Fun Facts: The *Stegosaurus* is most recognizable by the characteristic plates arranged in two rows along its back. It also sports four spikes at the end of its tail, which were used to defend against predators.

Further Investigation: Many, but not all, dinosaurs have spikes or plates on their backs. Research which ones have these features and compare their other similarities.



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