

Ancient fossil found in Taiwan

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A fossil of a mammoth molar has been found in central Taiwan.

It is the first time fossils from the prehistoric elephant have been found outside the southern region of the country, the China Post newspaper said.

The newspaper said the fossil belonged to a newborn mammoth calf that lived in the area around Shih-kang village in Taichung County 1.6 million to 2.2 million years ago.

Scientists say the discovery provides new evidence of the animal's possible distribution through Taiwan.

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