

**Decree-Law No. 4,146, of 04/03/1942, DOU of 04/03/1942**

Provides for the protection of fossil deposits.

The President of the Republic, using the powers conferred on it by Article 180 of the Constitution, decrees:

Art. 1º The fossiliferous deposits are nation's property, and, as such, the extraction of fossil specimens depends on previous authorization and inspection of the Departamento Nacional da Produção Mineral, Ministry of Agriculture.

Single paragraph - exploitation of fossiliferous deposits made by national and state museums, or equivalent institutions, do not require previous authorization and inspection; in such cases, previous communication to the Departamento Nacional da Produção Mineral is needed. (Note: the DNPM is now under the Ministry of Mines & Energy)

Art. 2º - provisions to the contrary are revoked.