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Natural History Museum (NHM) is the UK's national museum of the natural world. The Museum **was founded in 1753** with the British Museum, but since 1881 has occupied its own landmark buildings in London's South Kensington. Today the Natural History Museum works at the forefront of scientific research and public engagement to challenge thinking about the natural world through **addressing global issues related to evolution, biodiversity and sustainability**. The NHM employs **more than 800 staff, including 300 scientists and researchers who are active in more than 80 countries**. The Museum holds **the world's most important collection of natural history specimens and the largest library and archive related to the natural world**. The Natural History Museum is **the UK's third most visited attraction and is in the top ten most-visited museums worldwide**. **Permanent Collections:** The collections of the Museum comprise **80 million specimens and artefacts, gathered over 400 years**. The collections cover the life and earth sciences and include extinct and extant species from virtually all known groups of animals and plants, while the mineral collections represent inorganic substances from across Earth and the wider solar system. Technological advancements have

meant that as well as traditional collections, the Museum is also home to cell and tissue cultures, DNA banks and other molecular records.

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