

# TIMELINE



1840

## Creation of the **CABINET OF NATURAL HISTORY**

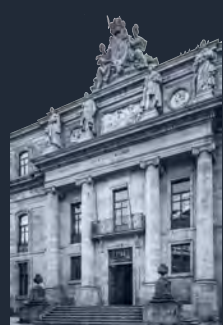
After the creation of the Professorship of Natural History in 1839, the Cabinet of Natural History was officially founded at the USC. Professor Antonio Casares was in charge of its direction and dedicated it to the study and conservation of nature.



1841

## Acquisition of the first **WILDLIFE COLLECTIONS**

The rector, Juan José Viñas, travels to Paris and acquires the first significant collection of wildlife, known as "Type Animals", which includes mammals, birds and reptiles.



1845

## Transformation into a **NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM**

The old cabinet acquires the category of museum and expands its space within the University building, currently the Faculty of Geography and History. With these changes, the museum is now at the service of the entire society.



1906

## Promotion of Zoology by **LUIS IGLESIAS**

Luis Iglesias arrived at the university in 1920 as a temporary assistant, in charge of the Mineralogy and Botany and General Zoology departments. For more than 40 years at the University he devoted himself especially to completing the zoological section.



1920

## Promotion of Geodiversity by **ISIDRO PARGA PONDAL**

Having recently joined the USC as an assistant in the Chemistry Department, he promoted the museum's Geology section. He contributed numerous minerals, rocks and the first fossils collected in Galicia, increasing significantly the museum's heritage.



1923

## Move to the **FACULTY OF CHEMISTRY**

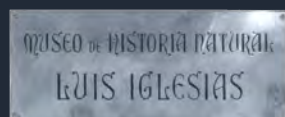
The museum moved to the new Faculty of Sciences, currently of Chemistry, modernising its facilities. The space was increased considerably and allowed for a permanent exhibition organised in different thematic rooms.

1961

## Name change to **LUIS IGLESIAS MUSEUM**

The museum is renamed in honour of its longest-serving director, Luis Iglesias Iglesias, in recognition of his research, dissemination and museological work.

1965



2014

## New location in **PARQUE VISTA ALEGRE**

On October 8, the "Luis Iglesias" Natural History Museum opens its doors as the Natural History Museum of the USC in a new building in Parque Vista Alegre in Santiago de Compostela.