

June 11, 2001—Lake monster sighted in Papua New Guinea

This year, two accounts of a sighting of a lake monster in the Lake Murray area of Papua New Guinea have come to light, reported in the first instance in Papua New Guinea's *Independent* newspaper, and relayed by *Creation* magazine.

First account: On December 11, 1999, villagers travelling in a canoe reported seeing a 'dinosaur-like reptile' wading in shallow water near Boboa. The following day, a Seventh Day Adventist pastor and a church elder say they saw the animal not far from the first sighting.

The creature is described as having a body 'as long as a dump truck' and nearly two metres wide, with a long neck and a long, slender tail. It was walking on two hind legs 'as thick as coconut palm tree trunks' and had two smaller forelegs. The head was similar in shape to a cow's head, with large eyes and 'sharp teeth as long as fingers.' The skin was likened to that of a crocodile, and the creature had 'largish triangular scoops on the back.'

Second account: In June, 2000 a visitor to Irian Jaya (Indonesian side of the border with Papua New Guinea) heard an account from a missionary who said that the locals told stories of a large beast. When one of the missionaries took a book of dinosaurs, and showed it to them they pointed out in the book the creature they had seen. The report did not say which dinosaur was identified.

Below: Lake Murray in Papua New Guinea



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