

## ***Pinocetus polonicus* gen.n., sp.n. (Cetacea) from the Miocene Limestones of Pińczów, Poland**

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An incomplete skeleton with a damaged skull of a whale of the family Cetotheriidae, discovered near Pińczów, central Poland, is described and assigned to the new genus and species, *Pinocetus polonicus*. In the structure of the skull with its telescopic shape it is similar to *Aulocetus sammarinensis* Capellini, family Cetotheriidae. In the present writers' opinion, *Pinocetus polonicus* and *Mixocetus elysius* belong to the same evolutionary stock. It is suggested that *Pinocetus* was not yet an efficient swimmer and was incapable of rapid and deep diving. It lived in shallow Miocene seas, but could also reach distant off shore areas.

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