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Dear

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION** – *Information relating to copyrighted image*

Thank you for your request for information. As Museum Secretary for Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales ('the Museum'), I am responsible for responding to your request for information.

I refer to your email of 28 March 2017, in which you asked for the following information:

*In October 1982, the National Museum of Wales published a work by Michael G. Bassett, titled "Formed Stones, Folklore and Fossils" (Geological Series No. 1). Page 18 of this work includes an image captioned "Medieval woodcut (1497) illustrating the 'capture' of an Ovum anguinum" - please find a scan attached for ease of reference.*

*Please could you provide me with any information held by the National Museum of Wales which indicates who owns the copyright to this image. If not held elsewhere, might your publishing department hold this information from when the booklet was originally published?*

**Response**

The National Museum of Wales owns the copyright to the publication *Formed Stones, Folklore and Fossils* in which the image *Medieval woodcut* is reproduced as an illustration. Extracts from the publication can be used for education / research purposes only. Having reviewed the credits within this publication I confirm that it does not provide the information that would confirm who holds the copyright to the image. It states only that some illustrations can be credited to Dr Dee-Mann Chang, but it does not specifically mention this particular image.

Therefore, I am unable to provide you with the information you require. That being the case, I would inform you, in accordance with Section 1.1(a) of the Freedom of information Act 2000, the information you seek is not held by Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales.

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg.  
We welcome correspondence in Welsh.

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To the extent Amgueddfa Cymru is unable to provide information that fully responds to your request, I must therefore provide you with a Refusal Notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, because in accordance with Section 1.1 of the Act, the information you have requested is not held.

Your request was considered according to the principles set out in the National Assembly's Code of Practice on Public Access to Information (third edition). The Code is published on the Internet at [www.information.wales.gov.uk](http://www.information.wales.gov.uk).

If you believe that I have not applied the Code of Practice on Public Access to Information correctly or have not followed the relevant laws, please contact me to request a first-stage review. If, after that, you are still not satisfied you may request a formal review by Amgueddfa Cymru. When dealing with any concerns, we will follow the principles of the National Museum of Wales's Code of Practice on Complaints, which is available on our website at <https://museum.wales/freedom-of-information/publications-scheme/> or by post from:

Mr. Neil Wicks  
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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should pursue the matter through our internal procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

I apologise that Amgueddfa Cymru cannot assist you with your request but if you have any further queries or concerns then please contact me via my email address.

Yours sincerely

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Museum Secretary