

A stem-group frog from the Early Triassic of Poland

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Described on the basis of disarticulated postcranial bones (vertebrae, humeri, ilia) from karst deposits of Scythian age at the locality of Czatkowice in the Kraków Upland, Poland, *Czatkobatrachus polonicus* gen. et sp. n. is the first salientian known from the Triassic of the Northern part of Pangea. It may be only slightly younger (about 5 MA) than *Triadobatrachus massinoti* (Piveteau, 1936) from Madagascar, the only Early Triassic salientian known hitherto. *Czatkobatrachus* resembles *Triadobatrachus* but is more derived in some features of the vertebrae and elbow joint. It provides evidence of a global distribution of stem-frogs at the very beginning of the Mesozoic, and suggests that the origin of the group must be sought in the Permian.

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