

TABLE 4
GEOLOGICAL TIME SCALE

| Eras and Years of Duration | Major Divisions | Periods and number of years from the present | Epochs |
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| Cenozoic (60,000,000) | Quaternary | (2,000,000) | Holocene |
| | | | Pleistocene |
| | Tertiary | Late Tertiary | Pliocene |
| | | | Miocene |
| | | Early Tertiary (60,000,000) | Oligocene |
| | | | Eocene |
| Palaeocene | | | |
| Mesozoic (125,000,000) | Late Mesozoic | Upper Cretaceous | |
| | | Middle Cretaceous | |
| | | Lower Cretaceous (125,000,000) | |
| | Early Mesozoic | Jurassic (157,000,000) | |
| | | Triassic | |

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| | | (185,000,000) | |
| Paleozoic (368,000,000) | Late Paleozoic | Permian (223,000,000) | |
| | | Pennsylvanian (Upper Carboniferous) (271,000,000) | |
| | | Mississippian | |
| | Middle Paleozoic | (Lower Carboniferous) (309,000,000) | |
| | | Devonian (354,000,000) | |
| | | Silurian (381,000,000) | |
| | Early Paleozoic | Ordovician (448,000,000) | |
| | | Cambrian (553,000,000) | |
| Proterozoic (900,000,000) | | (1,500,000,000) | |

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| Archeozoic (550,000,000+) | | (2,000,000,000) | |
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(adapted from Fuller and Tipppo (1961: 852))