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Shortnose Sturgeon
(Acipenser brevirostrum)



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Protected at
Aberdeen Proving Ground (Maryland)
and Fort Stewart
(Georgia)**

Habitat: Mostly in eastern river mouths, tidal rivers, estuaries, and bays from southern Canada and Maine to Florida.

Primitive fish with rows of bony, armor-like plates on its sides; skeleton of cartilage rather than bone.

Smallest of the sturgeon species; rarely exceeds 3.5 feet in length.

Oldest known female was 67; males seldom live past 30.

Sturgeons are bottom feeders; they suck plants and animals into their tube-like mouths.

Listed as endangered on March 11, 1967.

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