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Shortnose Sturgeon
(*Acipenser brevirostrum*)



Protected at Aberdeen Proving Ground (Maryland), Fort Stewart (Georgia) and West Point (New York)

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 bones

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

Oldest known female was 67; males seldom live past 30

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

Listed as endangered on March 11, 1967

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