

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Atlantic Tarpon

*Megalops atlanticus*

The Atlantic Tarpon is a large, powerful fish known for its impressive size and spectacular leaps when hooked. It has a distinct, elongated body covered in large, silvery scales and a prominent upturned snout.

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Megalopidae

**Habitat:** Coastal waters, estuaries, lagoons, and occasionally freshwater rivers

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Vulnerable

**Lifespan:** 30–50 years

**Weight:** 27–161 kg (60–355 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Megalops atlanticus*

### Did you know?

- Some Atlantic Tarpon have been recorded living for over 50 years in the wild, making them one of the longest-lived fish species.
- Atlantic Tarpon can gulp air directly from the surface, allowing them to survive in low-oxygen environments. They are known for their acrobatic jumps...

### What I learned

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