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Animal Fact Sheet

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Shortnose sturgeon

Acipenser brevirostrum

The Shortnose sturgeon is a small, endangered species of sturgeon native to the eastern coast of North America. It is easily recognized by its short, broad snout and bony plates known as scutes that …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Acipenseridae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and estuaries
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 30-60 years
Weight: 4–10 kg (9–22 lbs)
Scientific name: Acipenser brevirostrum

Did you know?

- The Shortnose sturgeon can survive in both fresh and brackish water, and some individuals even migrate short distances into the sea.
- Shortnose sturgeon are considered living fossils, having changed little since the time of the dinosaurs. They use sensitive barbels to detect prey al…

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