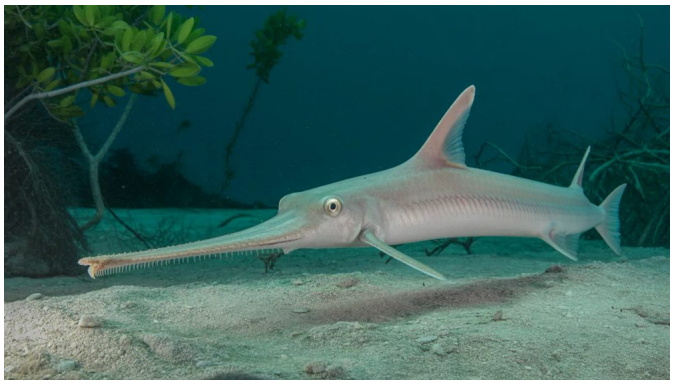
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Animal Fact Sheet

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Smalltooth Sawfish

Pristis pectinata

The sawfish is not a shark. It is a ray — its gills are on the underside, as a ray's are — and the "saw" is a rostrum, an extension of the snout studded along both edges with modified scales, not tee…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Pristidae
Habitat: Coastal marine and estuarine waters, often in shallow bays, river mouths, and mangroves
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 30-60 years
Weight: 200-300 kg (440-660 lbs)
Scientific name: Pristis pectinata

Did you know?

- The Smalltooth Sawfish's rostrum can make up nearly one-third of its total body length, sometimes exceeding 1.5 meters (5 feet) long.
- It is not a shark at all but a ray — its gills are underneath, like a ray's. The underside of its saw is covered in electroreceptors, so it works as …

What I learned

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