

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Swordfish

*Xiphias gladius*

The swordfish is a large, highly migratory predatory fish known for its long, flat, sword-like bill, which it uses to slash at and stun prey. Swordfish are streamlined, powerful swimmers, capable of ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Xiphiidae

**Habitat:** Open ocean (pelagic zones of temperate and tropical seas)

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 9-15 years

**Weight:** 90–650 kg (200–1,430 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Xiphias gladius*

### Did you know?

- Swordfish can dive to depths over 2,100 feet (650 meters) in search of prey.
- Swordfish can regulate the temperature of their eyes and brain, giving them a hunting advantage in cold, deep waters. They lose all their teeth and s...

### What I learned

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