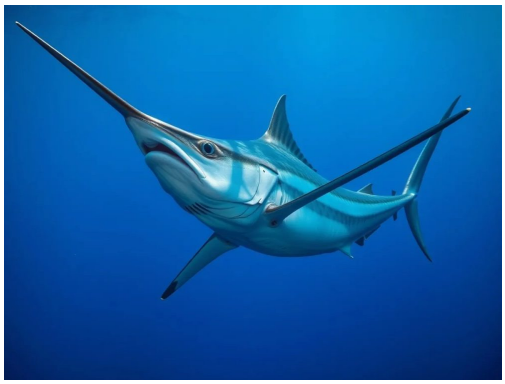
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Animal Fact Sheet

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Swordfish

Xiphias gladius

The swordfish (Xiphias gladius) carries a bill that is flattened and blade-like in cross-section, unlike the round, spear-like rostrum of a marlin, and it is not used as a lance but swung sideways th…

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.
- A swordfish heats its eyes and brain with a dedicated organ built from a converted eye muscle, so it can see fast-moving prey in near-freezing deep w…

What I learned

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