

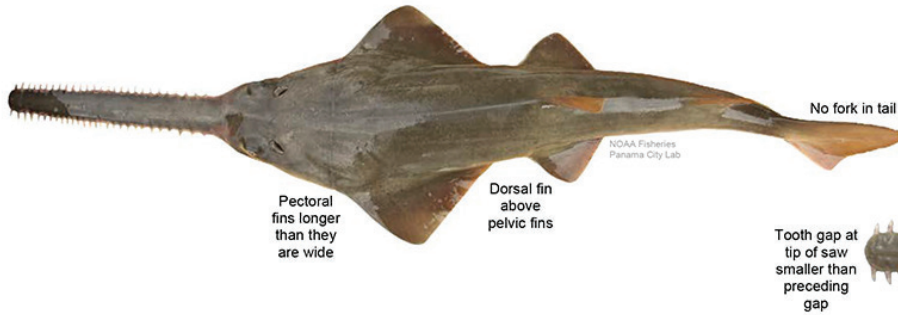
SAWFISHES OF THE WORLD . . . an ID guide

This guide illustrates the key features unique to each species of sawfish found in the Atlantic Ocean. For further details see www.saveoursharks.nl. Visit www.sawfishconservationsociety.org to report your sawfish encounters.



SAVE OUR SHARKS

Sawfish Conservation Society



NOAA Fisheries
Panama City Lab

20-32
teeth
per side
of saw

Tooth
gaps
unevenly
spaced
tooth gaps

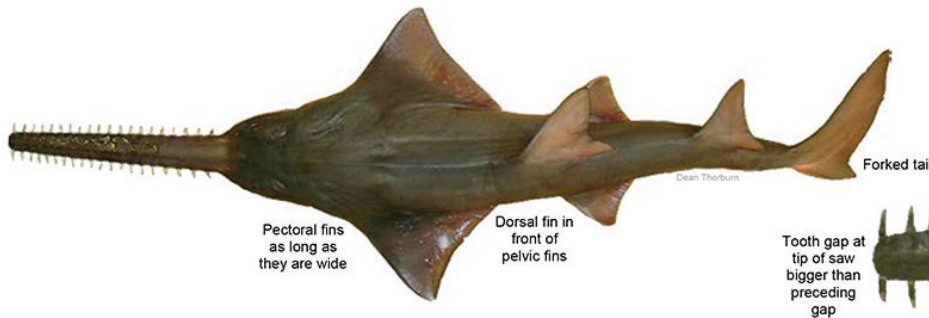
Teeth at
base of
saw shorter
than at the
tip

Tooth gap at
tip of saw
smaller than
preceding gap



Dr John Carlson, NOAA Fisheries Service

Smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*)



Dean Thorburn

14-24
teeth
per side
of saw

Tooth
gaps
evenly
spaced

All teeth
similar in
length

Tooth gap at
tip of saw
bigger than
preceding gap



Jeff Whitey

Largetooth sawfish (*Pristis pristis*)



David Morgan

You can HELP THE SAWFISHES

Learn

- There are 5 species of sawfishes
- Some sawfish can grow to 23 ft (7 m)
- Sawfish live in fresh and/or marine tropical and sub-tropical waters
- Sawfish are threatened with extinction due to fishing, habitat destruction and the shark fin trade

Share

Visit www.sawfishconservationsociety.org and share your sawfish encounters.

Conserve

Please release all captured sawfish quickly, without removing them from the water and without removing their saws, report sawfish encounters and pick-up litter you find in the water and on land.

Working with fishermen, local communities and scientists we propose to learn as much as we can about sharks and rays. Building on that knowledge, we want to create new ways for islanders to benefit from the presence of sharks in our waters, for example as an attraction for tourists. By raising awareness about their plight, Save Our Sharks wants to create support for the creation of safe havens for sharks and rays throughout our islands. Learn more at www.saveoursharks.nl.



The Sawfish Conservation Society (SCS) and its partners like Save Our Sharks, aim to inform and educate the public about sawfish, which are threatened with extinction, and provide an environment to encourage cooperation between researchers, aquarists and fishers to maximize research efforts.

Please join our group on Facebook or share, play and learn about sawfish at www.sawfishconservationsociety.org.



SAWFISHES OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

Identification Guide



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