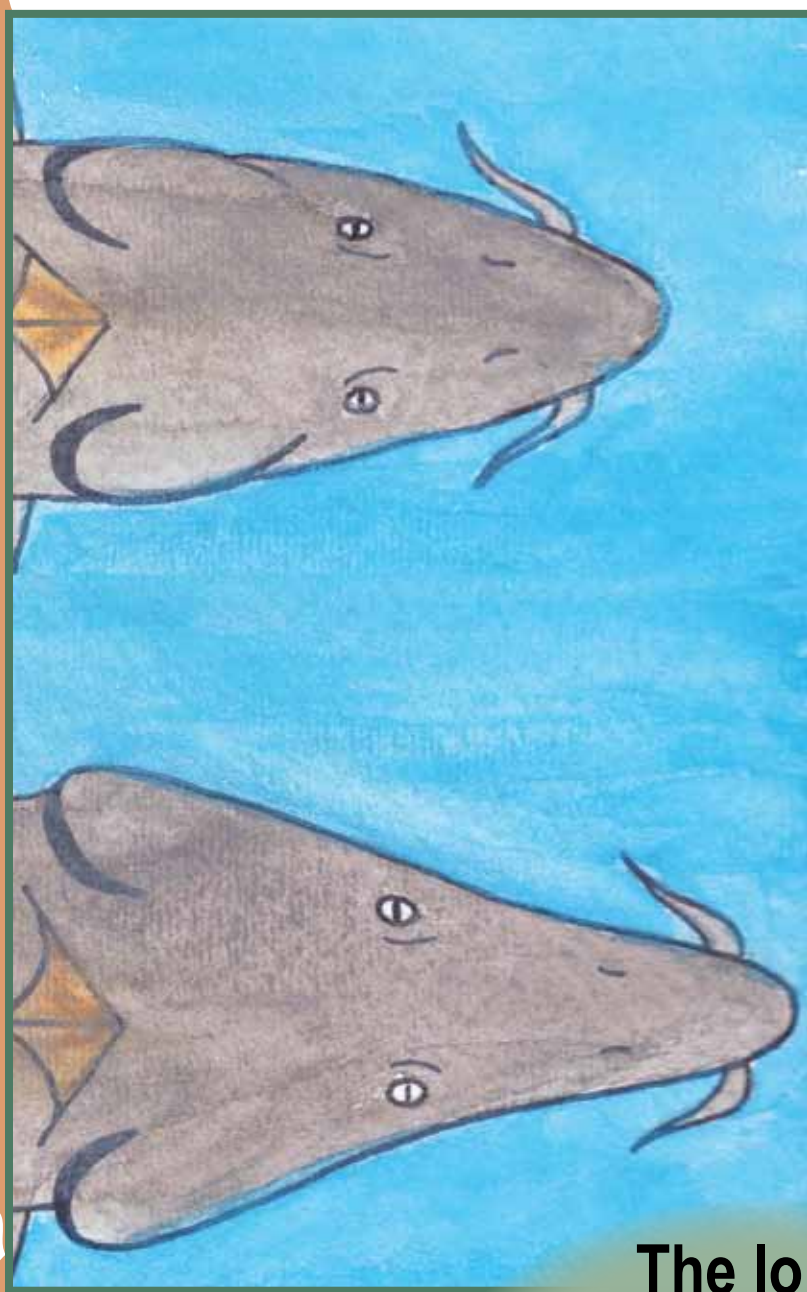


# the Sturgeon's

## anatomy

Kunkatamuj

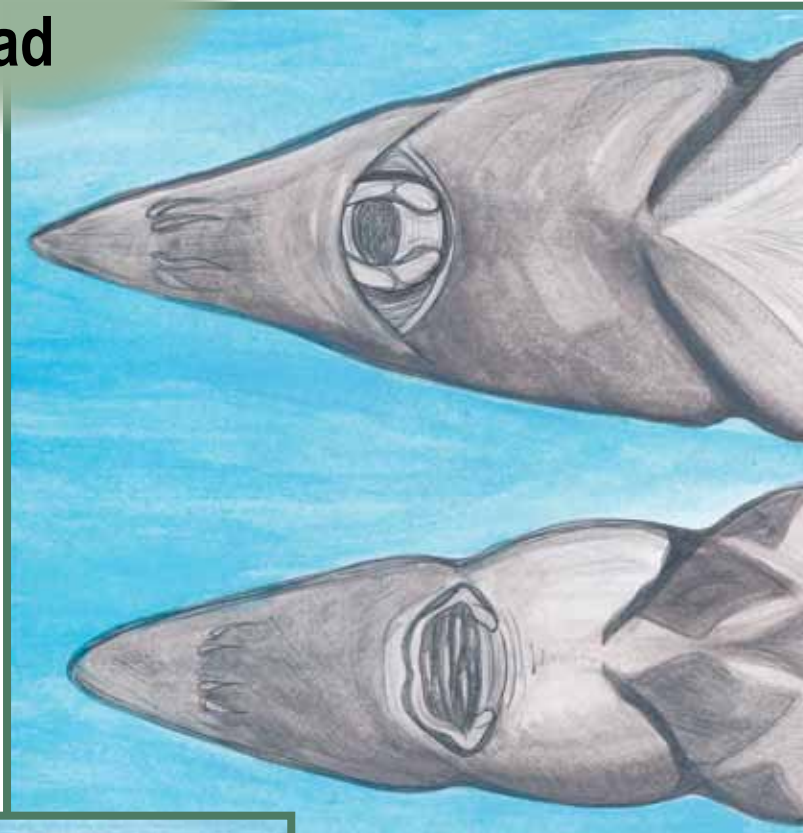


Sturgeon have small eyes and poor eyesight.

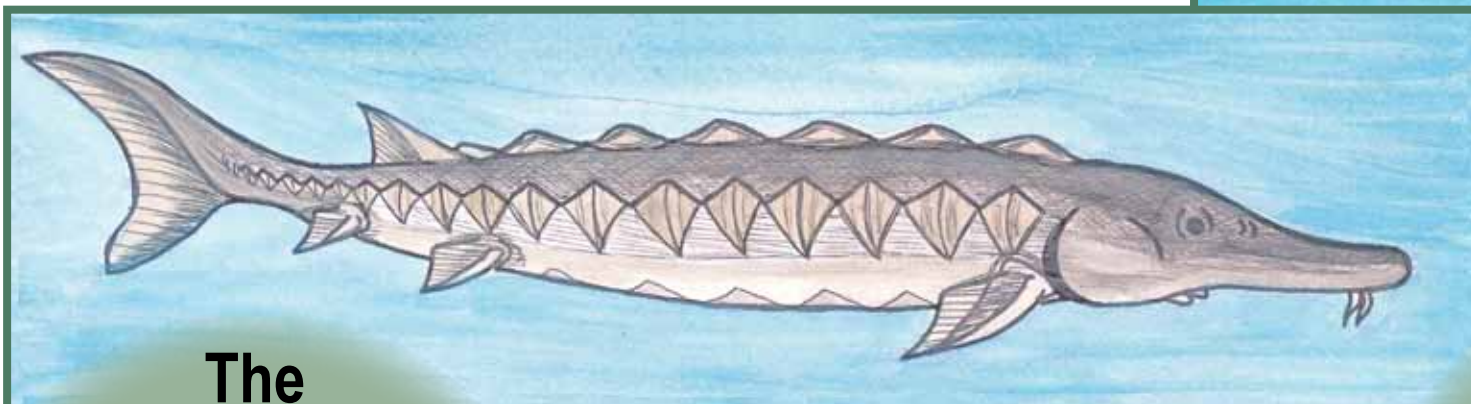
The Sturgeon's snout supports electrosensory organs

Sturgeon have no teeth and its mouth is under its head

The long, pointy snout of the Atlantic Sturgeon distinguishes it from the Shortnose Sturgeon

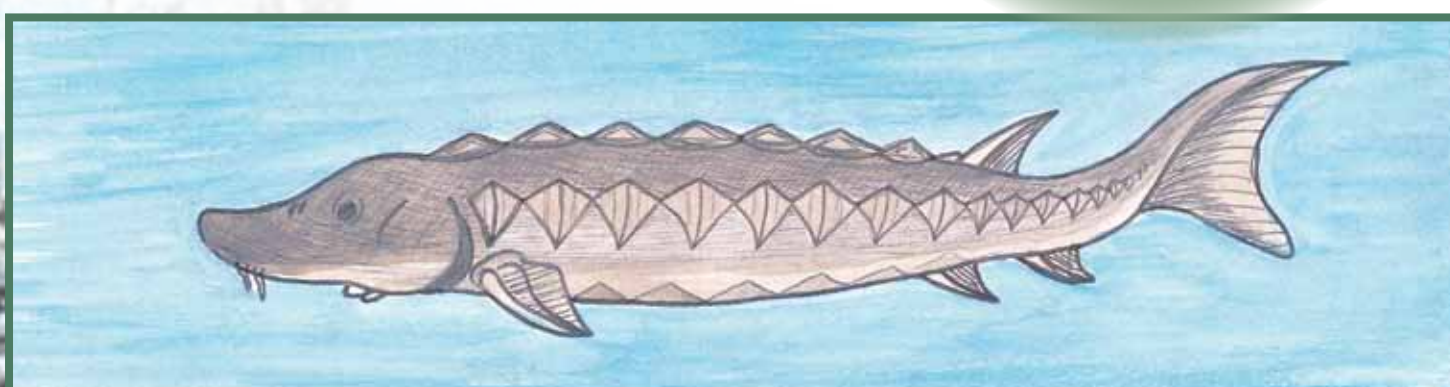


- The Sturgeon has a lineage of 200 million years and is a rare and primitive fish with limited habitat ranges
- The Shortnose Sturgeon (*acipenser brevirostrum*) and the Atlantic Sturgeon (*acipenser oxyrinchus*) are two of eight species
- Mature Maritime Atlantic Sturgeon males on average are approximately 5 feet and weigh 90 pounds; females are on average much larger and weigh between 160 - 600 pounds
- Sturgeon have an arched back with five rows of prehistoric armour plates or "scutes" along the length of their bodies



The dorsal and anal fins are used to stabilize the fish

The caudal or tail fin is like a boat propeller



The bottom of a sturgeon's snout has four well developed, highly sensitive barbels or whiskers. The barbels are used for locating food in murky waters

### Sturgeon is a benthic or bottom feeder

