The American Paddlefish

Polyodon spathula

WORLD FISH MIGRATION DAY

Native to the **Mississipi** river system

CONSERVATION STATUS:

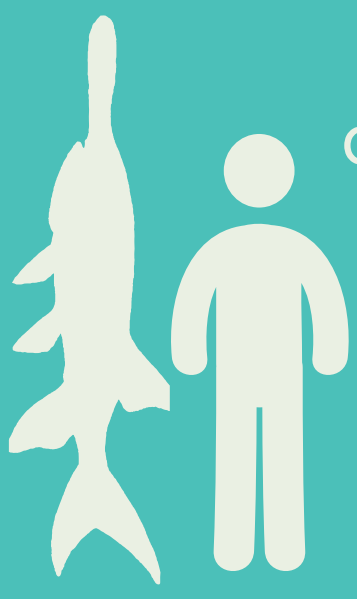
VULNERABLE

Populations are **decreasing** due to migratory barriers (dams) and habitat loss

Inhabited North America since approximately **65 million years ago**

Female paddlefish can lay more than **500.000** eggs

Lifespan: **60+ years**



Can grow **2m** in length and weigh **45kg**

Can migrate over **2,400km** to spawn upstream

2,400 km is **36** days walking if you walked 16 hours a day non stop