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A Paddlefish on a piece of cardboard

## Paddlefish



Paddlefish on a convader belt in a fish factory.

Learn about the Paddlefish

## Why are they at risk?

One main reason that Paddlefish are becoming extinct is that people are hunting for their valuable, and very precious eggs. Also we destroy their habitat to build houses, and stores.

They still have many features about them like how they are nicknamed Spoonbill or Duckbill for their flattened out noses. They're planktivores, which means they eat other fish.

They also have cartilaginous skeletons, up turned tail fins, and it's the largest freshwater fish in the world because it's snout (nose) is 1.8m (6ft) 1/4 of it's whole body, and their body is only 24ft



A swimming Paddlefish in the water

## Ways you can help them

If you build somewhere where the Paddlefish are, move them somewhere else! Move them to another river. (lake, ocean, etc.)

Also you can move or relocate of where you are going to build your house. (hotel, store, etc.)



Man holding a Paddlefish

It is illegal to fish for Paddlefish. If you catch one by accident you have to throw it in the water right away as quick as you can to help them live longer.

It swims very close to the surface so if you go walk into their habitat. Look out for them!

The adult Paddlefish have extremely small eyes so they can't really see, so if you do see a fish that won't move, make sure it isn't a Paddlefish.

## More facts about the Paddlefish

The Paddlefish can weigh up to 150lbs (67.5) and weigh as small as 30-40lbs! It can be huge (picture in the middle page) or be very tiny (picture below)

There is a lot of facts about Paddlefish we might not even know about and we might not know any more facts because it will soon go to endangered to extinct! The best thing to do is to not hurt any kind of animal. Don't hurt endangered, threatened, or even normal animals! (you can't help extinct animals because they're already gone.) Help Snow Leopards, Whale Sharks, Bald Eagles, Mexican Prairie Dogs, they can all be helpful to us by making sweaters, shoes, and even jackets, but even though they're in our life cycle so it is good to have them while they're here! As they say one is better than none!



Picture of small Paddlefish.