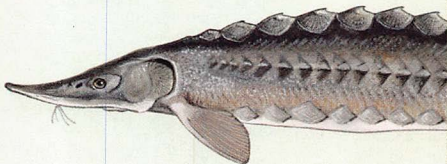


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The Atlantic sturgeon is a bottom-feeder fish that can grow up to 14 feet long and live up to 60 years. The sturgeon has been around since the time of the dinosaurs, and its scaly body even looks like a dinosaur. Atlantic sturgeon live in the ocean and return to the Chesapeake Bay every spring to lay eggs. They were an important source of food for American Indians and English colonists. Today, they are an endangered species, though conservation has recently brought back the sturgeon population in the James River.