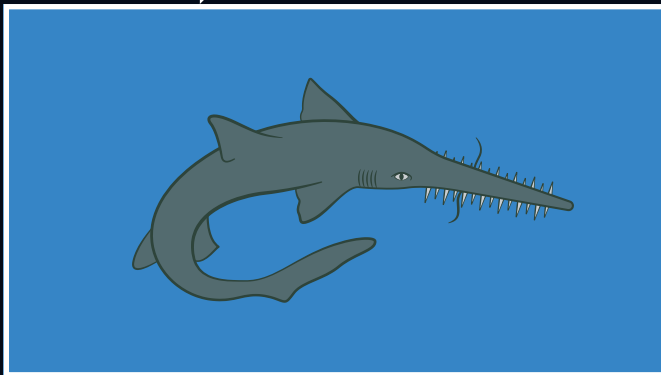
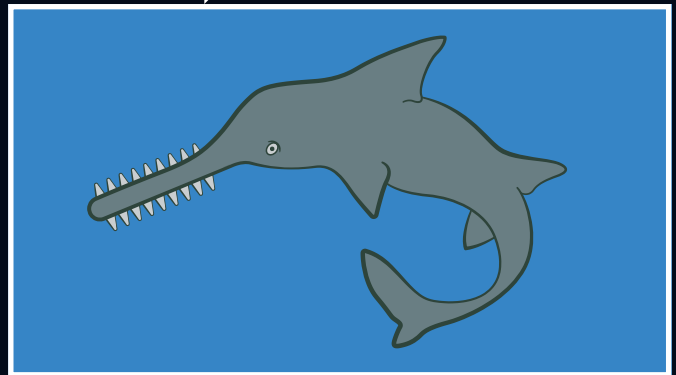


# DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SAWFISH (PRISTIDAE) AND A SAW SHARK (PRISTIOPHORIFORMES)?

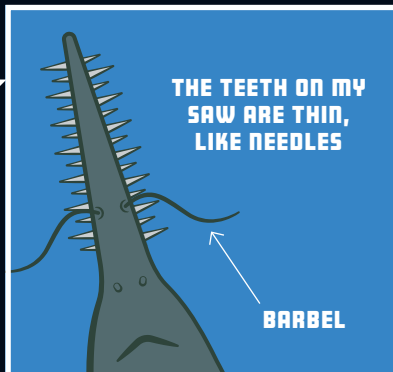
I'M A SAW SHARK. I ONLY GROW UP TO ABOUT 1.5M IN LENGTH. I ONLY LIVE IN THE OCEAN.



I'M A SAWFISH. I CAN REACH UP TO 7M IN LENGTH WHEN I'M AN ADULT! I LIVE IN THE OCEAN, BUT BABY SAWFISH LIVE IN MANGROVES AND SOMETIMES EVEN IN RIVERS (FRESHWATER).

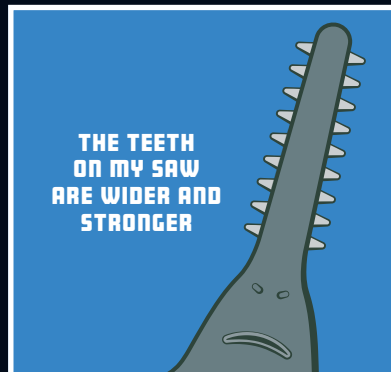


MY SAW IS SHAPED LIKE A LONG TRIANGLE WITH A POINTED TIP. I HAVE ONE BARBEL ON EACH SIDE OF MY SAW – IT LOOKS LIKE I HAVE A MOUSTACHE!



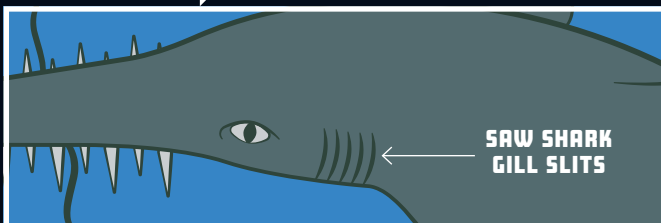
THE TEETH ON MY SAW ARE THIN, LIKE NEEDLES

THE TEETH ON MY SAW ARE WIDER AND STRONGER



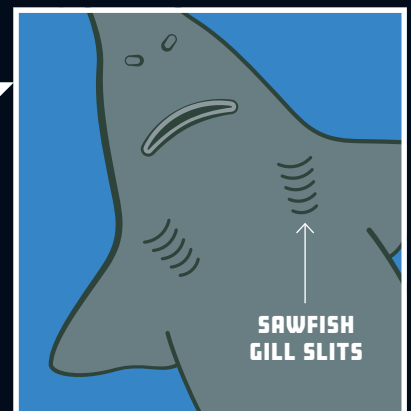
MY SAW HAS FEWER TEETH, BUT THEY ARE WIDER, STRONGER TEETH. MY SAW HAS A ROUNDED BLUNT TIP.

I'M RELATED TO OTHER SHARKS LIKE WHITE SHARKS AND TIGER SHARKS, SO MY GILL SLITS ARE ON THE SIDES OF MY BODY, BEHIND MY EYES.



SAW SHARK GILL SLITS

I MAY LOOK LIKE A SHARK BUT I'M MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO RAYS. THAT'S WHY MY GILL SLITS ARE ON MY VENTRAL SURFACE, NEAR MY MOUTH.



SAWFISH GILL SLITS



IF YOU ARE RECORDING SAWFISH OR SAW SHARKS IN FISHERIES CATCHES, BE SURE TO LOOK CAREFULLY AND RECORD THE RIGHT ONE. SAWFISH ARE VERY RARE AND ENDANGERED, SO WE NEED TO COLLECT AS MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THEM AS WE CAN!

