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Scientific Name: -*Acipenser* sps.

Family: Acipenseridae

Common Name: Sturgeons

Physical Characteristics:

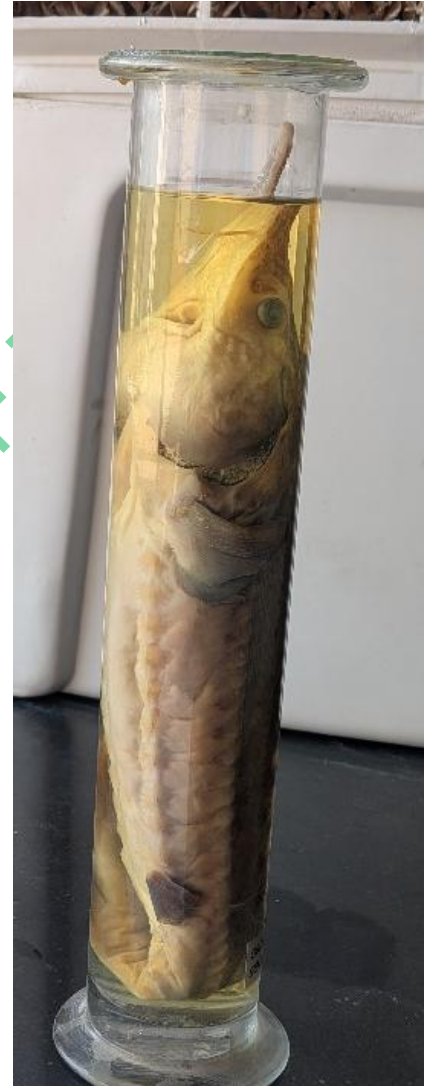
Sturgeons have elongated bodies and rows of bony plates, called scutes, rather than traditional scales. They have a distinctive shark-like tail and a pointed snout with sensory barbels or whisker-like projections near the mouth. Sturgeons are often large and can reach impressive lengths, with some species exceeding 10 feet (3 meters).

Geographical Distribution:

Western and Central Africa, Eastern Africa, Southern Africa.

Economic Importance:

They play roles in the aquarium trade, scientific research, education, and cultural contexts. Conservation efforts may indirectly benefit bichirs by protecting their natural habitats and the ecosystems they inhabit.



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