

# HOW TO RELEASE A SAWFISH

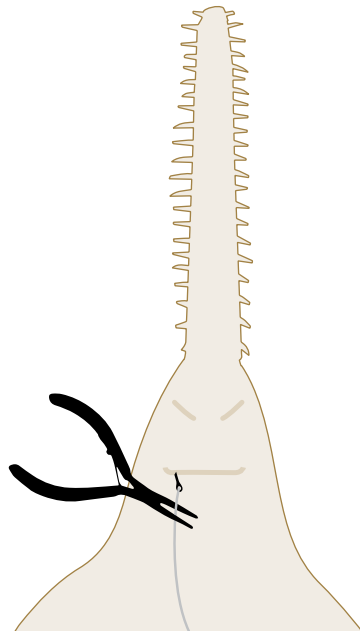
with ID GUIDE

CAUGHT A SAWFISH?  
STAY SAFE & RELEASE  
IT IMMEDIATELY



## 1 IF CAUGHT ON A LINE

CUT THE LINE AS CLOSE TO THE  
HOOK AS POSSIBLE.

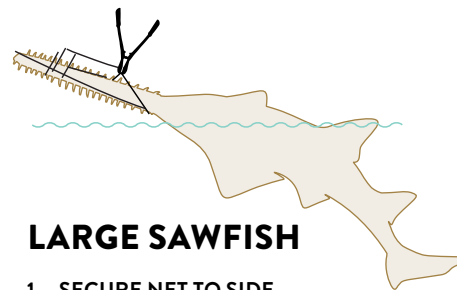


STRIKE  
ZONE

KEEP  
CLEAR

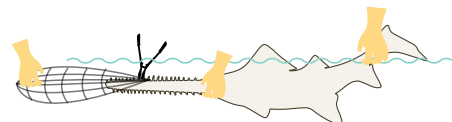
KEEP THE SAWFISH  
SUBMERGED IN WATER,  
ESPECIALLY THE GILLS,  
IF SAFE TO DO SO.  
DO NOT REMOVE THE SAW

## 2 IF CAUGHT IN A NET



### LARGE SAWFISH

1. SECURE NET TO SIDE OF BOAT.
2. USE A LONG TOOL TO CUT NET FROM BODY, THEN FROM SAW.



### SMALL SAWFISH

1. HOLD TAIL, BASE OF SAW, & NET.
2. TURN SAWFISH UPSIDE DOWN.
3. USE TOOL TO CUT OR FREE NET STARTING AT BASE OF SAW.



## REPORT

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN  
WHERE TO REPORT SAWFISH!



## RECORD IT

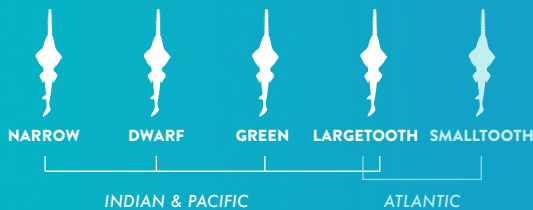
- THE SAWFISH TYPE & ESTIMATED LENGTH
- DATE / TIME
- LOCATION
- PHOTOS

## LEARN MORE

[sawfishconservationsociety.org](http://sawfishconservationsociety.org)

**DISCLAIMER:** 1. These release tips are provided to reduce risk of injury to you and the sawfish, but the SCS does not take responsibility for any injury incurred in the use of these suggestions. The reader agrees to these terms when using these tips. 2. Rules on how to handle sawfish can change between countries. Make sure to check the regulations in your country.

# SAWFISH ID GUIDE



**1** GILLS ON THE UNDERSIDE

**2** TEETH ON THE SAW

Sawfish are some of the world's most threatened marine wildlife. Once common throughout the Indian and Pacific Oceans, human activities have pushed these species close to extinction.

We can help these amazing animals recover by safely releasing any sawfish that are accidentally caught and protecting their mangrove and coastal habitats.



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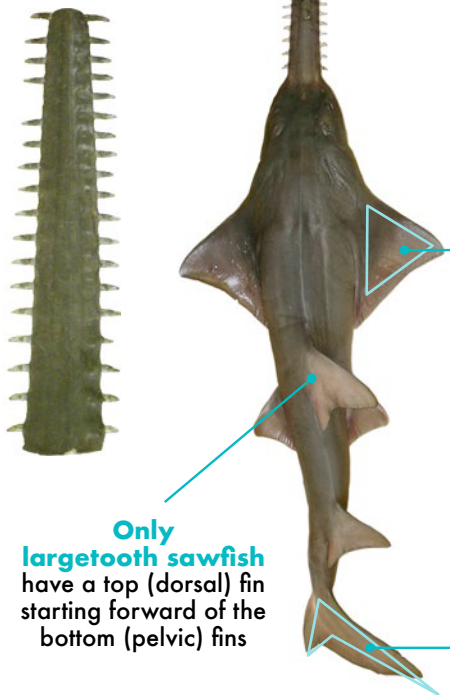
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EAST AFRICA TO NORTH AUSTRALIA

## LARGETOOTH SAWFISH

*Pristis pristis*

14-24 teeth per side of saw



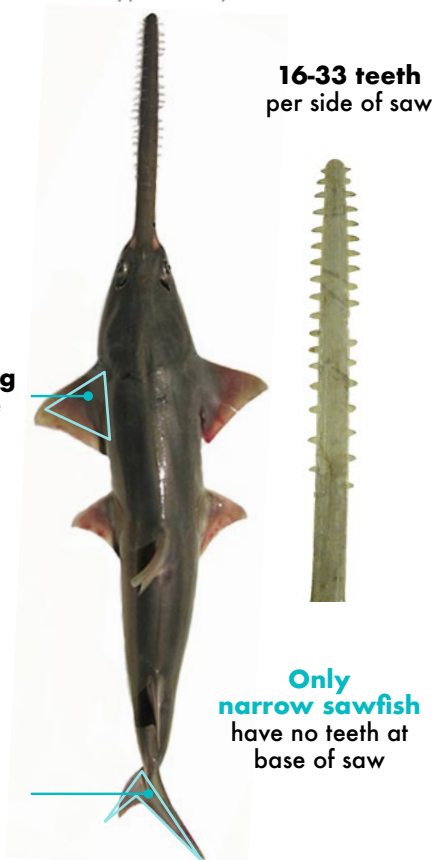
UP TO 7 M / 23 FT +

RED SEA TO NORTHERN AUSTRALIA & JAPAN

## NARROW SAWFISH

*Anoxypristis cuspidata*

16-33 teeth per side of saw



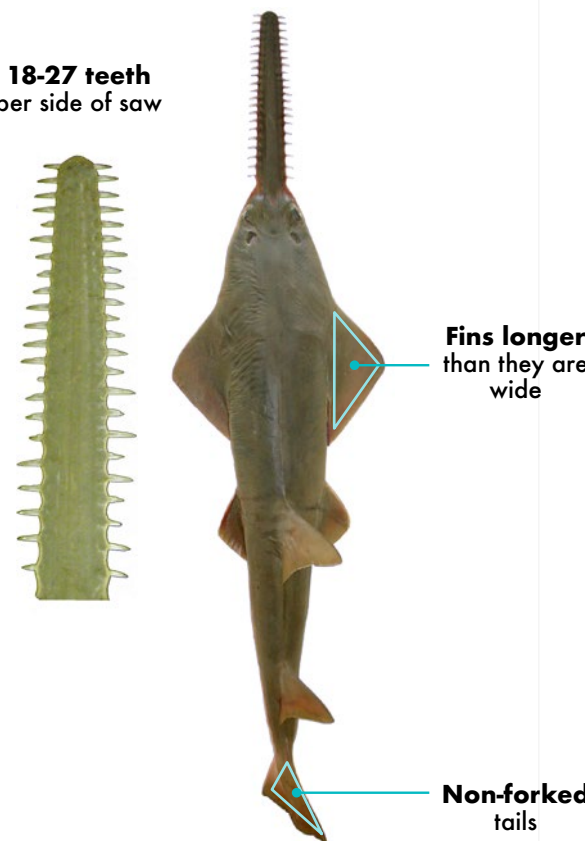
UP TO 4.5 M / 15 FT +

INDIA TO NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

## DWARF SAWFISH

*Pristis clavata*

18-27 teeth per side of saw



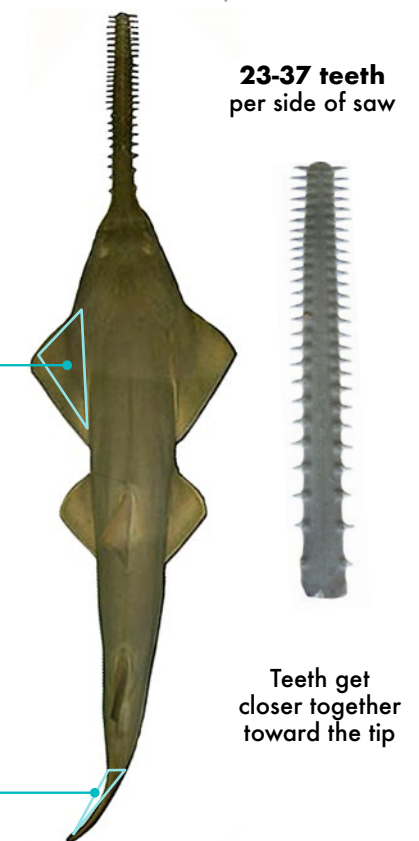
UP TO 3 M / 10 FT +

EASTERN AFRICA TO NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

## GREEN SAWFISH

*Pristis zijsron*

23-37 teeth per side of saw



UP TO 6 M / 20 FT +