

Is this the last stand of the Critically Endangered green sawfish *Pristis zijsron* in the Arabian Gulf?


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QUESTIONNAIRE

Don't forget to introduce yourself, to specify that you work for the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, and to ask if they have time to help you. The interview lasts between 10 and 15 minutes and is anonymous. If the respondent does not want to answer a question, you can move on to the next one. ALWAYS start by showing your sawfish picture.

Interview Record Sheet	
Interview number:	
Interviewer:	Date:
	Time:
Location:	
Do you know what this is? (show image)	
	
If the respondent does not know what this is, thank him and move to the next fisherman.	
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE FISHERMAN AND VESSEL USED	
Respondent Name (only if he wants to provide it)	

Type of fisherman:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational	
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired (if yes, what year did they retire in?)	

Is fishing the main way you earn your income?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO (if no, check what is/are his other occupations)	

Age: _____

At what age or in what year did you start fishing in the area?: _____

What is your position on the boat?

- Owner
- Owner and captain (nokhouda)
- Captain
- Vice-captain
- Crew member

What type of boat do you own or work on?

- Dhow
- Tarad

Type of gear used

SAWFISHES

Show the image of the sawfish again and ask what the local name for it is?

Have you ever caught a sawfish?

- YES (if yes, get details on capture method, location, year, size and how it was utilized)
- NO

Have you ever seen a sawfish alive or dead?

- YES
- NO

If YES, when was the last time you saw one? _____

Where did you see it?

- In the water
- In a fishing net
- At a landing site
- In a house
- Other

Do you know who captured it?

With what type of gear was it captured?

How big was it?

How many sawfishes have you seen in your lifetime?

Please mark on the map where you last saw a sawfish or where you used to see them (show the appropriate map for the location where the interview is taking place). If they can't read the map, try and get names of landmark locations such as names of islands, landings sites...

Have you noticed a change in the number of sawfishes in this region?

- YES (if yes, what kind of change have they seen?)
- NO

When did you start seeing a change? (estimate of years since the change began)

What do you think is the cause of this change?

Are/were sawfishes culturally important in the UAE? What are/were they used for?

If you caught a sawfish, what did you use it for?

- Food
- Sell the meat
- Sell the fins
- Discard (dead)
- Release (alive)
- Use as bait
- Other

If sold,
Who is it sold to?

What price does the whole animal fetch?

What parts are sold separately?

How much is each part sold for (meat, fins, rostrum)?

Are there specific seasons when sawfishes are most abundant? Try and get season and months

What type of habitats are sawfishes usually associated with?

- Seagrass
- Mangroves

- Coral reefs
 - Sandy areas
 - Coastal areas
 - Other
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Do you know if sawfishes are usually caught in association with other marine species?

Which areas are sawfishes most abundant in?

Do you know anyone that has a rostrum that we could photograph and take measurements of?

Name of person: _____

Contact details: _____

Thank the fisherman for his time and help.