

Table S1: Museum specimens of sawfishes from the Philippines. ‘n/a’ indicates information that was not available.

Location	Species	Collection date	Sex	Museum code	Notes
Laguna de Bay	<i>P. pristis</i>	n/a	M	ZMB 8304	TL 980 mm Complete specimen (wet)
Laguna de Bay	<i>P. pristis</i>	n/a	F	ZMB 8305	TL 1152 mm Complete specimen (wet)
Laguna de Bay	<i>P. pristis</i>	n/a	M	ZMB 8695	TL 1027 mm Complete specimen (dry)
Laguna de Bay	<i>P. pristis</i>	n/a	F	ZMB 8696	TL 998 mm Complete specimen (dry)
Rivers near the Laguna de Bay, Luzon	<i>P. pristis</i> (labelled <i>P. perotteti</i>)	n/a	M	BNHM 1872.10.18.142	Stuffed and mounted. Purchased; Mr Higgins
Rivers near Laguna del Bay, Luzon	<i>P. pristis</i>	n/a	F	BNHM 1872.10.18.141	TL 1040 mm Complete specimen (in alcohol). Purchased; Mr Higgins
Luzon Island	<i>P. pristis</i>	May 1931	M	SU-26822 [LC]*	TL 305 Skeleton
Luzon Island	<i>P. pristis</i>	n/a	F	SU-26822 [LC]*	Complete specimen
Mindanao Island, Zamboanga State	<i>P. zijsron</i>	Sep 1940		SU-40862 [LC]	Rostrum
‘The Philippines’	<i>P. zijsron</i>	n/a	n/a	MZB 82-5326	Museu de Ciencias Naturals de Barcelona (Recorded as ‘ <i>P. pectinata</i> ’)

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Laguna de Bay	<i>P. pristis</i>	1933-1935	n/a	none	3 rostra Villa Escudero Museum, Tiaong, Quezon
Laguna de Bay	<i>A. cuspidata</i>	1933-1935	n/a	none	On display in Villa Escudero Museum, Tiaong, Quezon Stuffed full animal. No further information could be provided by curator.

*These two specimens (SU-26822) were listed as amongst the examined specimens for the study by Faria et al. (2012). The authors of the current study contacted curators of Rodolfo B. Gonzales Museum of Natural History, the Institute for Environmental and Marine Sciences and Silliman University Angelo King Center for Research and Environmental Management, but none were able to locate these specimens. We have therefore included them for completeness but with the caveat that it may no longer be possible to locate these specimens.

MZB: Museu de Ciències Naturals de Barcelona, Spain

NHM: Natural History Museum, U.K.

SU: Rodolfo B. Gonzales Museum of Natural History, the Philippines

ZMB: Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin, Germany

Table S2: Sawfish rostra recorded during the study. The location where each rostrum originated from (or for those with no origin information, the location where it was housed) is indicated on Figure 1 using the rostrum number of each record.

Rostrum number	Location	Date encountered	Tooth count L/ R	SRL (mm)	SRW (mm)	SRW/ SRL	Species	Notes
R-1	Macanaya - fisherman's house	12/02/2016	19/19	94.4	18.9	0.200	<i>P. pristis</i>	Caught at Lal-lo (Cagayan River), 15 Jul 1969
R-2	Manila Natural History Museum (stores)	16/02/2016	18/19	54.8	10.9	0.199	<i>P. pristis</i>	Donated to the museum. Uncatalogued
R-3	Private house in Aplaya, Laguna de Bay	18/02/2016	14/14 ^a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<i>P. pristis</i>	In bad condition; caught in Laguna Lake by the owner's grandfather
R-4	'Turtle's nest' bar, Lahug, Cebu	03/03/2016	19/18	68.6	13.55	0.198	<i>P. pristis</i>	
R-5	Malapascua Island	05/03/2016	26/26	980 ^b	120	0.122	<i>P. zijsron</i>	Caught at Calandagan Island, Palawan by Fernando Aguilar senior in 1978
R-6	University of the Philippines, Visayas (Iloilo)	05/02/2016	17/20	106.6	23.1	0.217	<i>P. pristis</i>	

Rostrum number	Location	Date encountered	Tooth count L/ R	SRL (mm)	SRW (mm)	SRW/ SRL	Species	Notes
R-7	Tawi-Tawi Island	November 2015	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<i>P. pristis</i>	Photographed by Shannon Arnold (Manta Trust). Total rostral length c. 940 mm. Reportedly caught in 1980s.
R-8	Clarín Ancestral House, Loay, Bohol	10/03/2016	27/26	c. 1180	122	n/a	<i>P. zijsron</i>	Rostrum attached to a wall - not accessible for measuring

- (a) rostra may have been cut short and thus full tooth counts, SRL and SRW measurements were not taken.
 (b) Disintegrating tip, so measurement inaccurate.

Text S1: Interview questions

Date :

Barangay/ port/ site name:

Interviewee age :

Sex : M / F

Profession :

Years experience (as fisher/ other job):

If s/he is a retired fisher, when did s/he start and finish fishing (years) :

For fishers only : What fishing gear does s/he use (specify the type(s) of net or other gear) :

1. Do you know this animal (*show image of sawfish*)? YES NO
2. Have you ever seen this animal (*sawfish*) ? YES NO DON'T KNOW
3. Do you know this animal (*saw shark*) YES NO DON'T KNOW (*if they say they know the saw SHARK, be sure to ask more questions to confirm which taxon they have actually seen*)

If they do not know the sawfish, go to question 15. If they do know the sawfish, continue from question 4.

4. What is the local name for sawfish :
What is the local name for saw shark :
5. Where have you seen the sawfish (choose multiple responses if needed)?

In the market / alive – swimming / dead at landings site / in a net / other (give details)
6. (a) When did you last (most RECENTLY) see a sawfish?

(b) Where did you see the sawfish the LAST TIME?

(c) Who caught the last sawfish you saw?

(d) What fishing gear was it caught with (the LAST TIME)?

(e) What size was it (the LAST TIME)?
7. (a) How many times have you seen a sawfish during your life?

Never / once / twice / 3 to 5 times / 6 to 10 times / 11 to 20 times / more than 20 / don't know

(b) How many times have you caught this animal?

Never / once / twice / 3 to 5 times / 6 to 10 times / 11 to 20 times / more than 20 / don't know

(c) *(If the interviewee has caught at least 1 sawfish)* Where (names of specific places) did you catch sawfish, and when?

8. *(If s/he has seen a sawfish **more than 3 times**)* – Do you know if the sawfish were always caught during a certain season/ period of the year/ month?
9. *(If s/he has seen a sawfish **more than 3 times**)* – In which types of habitat have you seen this animal?
10. *(If s/he has seen a sawfish **more than 3 times**)* – Are sawfish often always caught or observed together with another marine species?
11. *(If s/he has seen a sawfish **more than 3 times**)*- Have you noticed a change in the number of sawfish in your region over your lifetime? INCREASE DECREASE NO CHANGE DON'T KNOW
12. *(If s/he has noticed a change in sawfish numbers)* – What do you think is the cause of this change?
13. In the past, what were sawfish used for? TO EAT SELL MEAT SELL FINS SELL OTHER *(specify)*

Sale prices (specify for meat, fins, rostrum or other part), the last time that you (or someone you know) sold a sawfish (only collect these if the sale was in the last 10 years ; specify what year the price was paid and whether the price is per kg or otherwise. Prices in PHP).
14. In some countries, sawfish are are culturally important or are used to make traditional medicine or for ceremonies. Are sawfish important here? How do people use a sawfish if they catch it?
15. Do you know anyone who owns a rostrum that we can photograph and measure? If so, please provide their name, location and contact number.