**STELLATE STURGEON / ACIPENSER STELLATUS**

The star-spangled sturgeon

- **87% decline**
- **55,000**

Migrates upstream at higher temperatures and therefore later than other sturgeons

In global commercial catch reflects the decline in species population

Sturgeons found dead in the Sea of Azov in 1990 as the result of pollution

**ACIPENSER STELLATUS WAS ALWAYS RARE IN THE MIDDLE AND UPPER DANUBE, BUT ALSO ASCENDED SEVERAL TRIBUTARIES AS PRUT, TISZA, DRAVA, SAVA AND MORAVA.**

72.5% is the decline of Stellate Sturgeon catch over a 4-year period according to data from Romania

- **2002** • 12.427 tonnes
- **2005** • 3.43 tonnes

Stellate Sturgeons migrate in spring and autumn. Males remain at spawning sites for up to six weeks, females for only 10-12 days.

Stellate Sturgeons stop eating once they start their migration. After spawning, they return to the sea quickly where they begin feeding again.

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