

Totoaba (Totoaba macdonaldi)

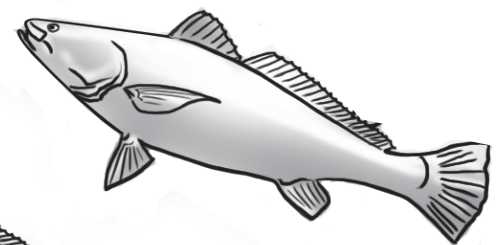
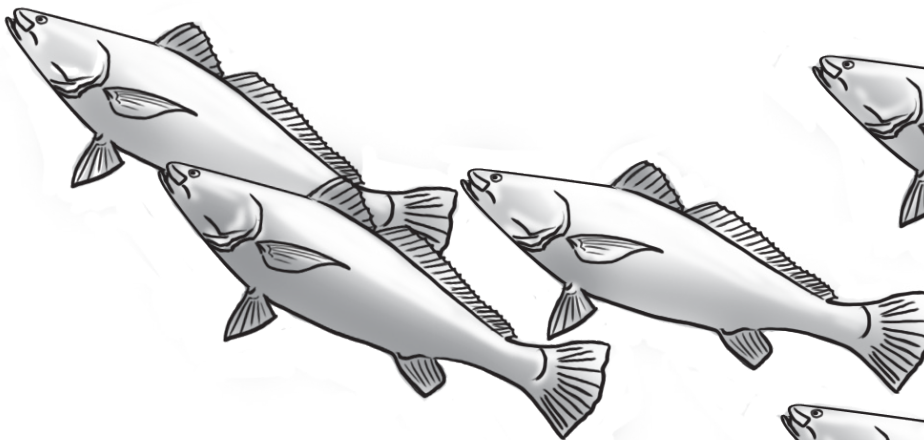
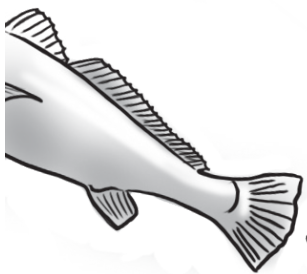
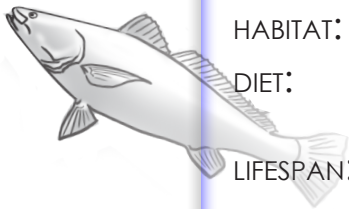


Status: **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED**

Save Totoaba to Save the Vaquita

The fate of the totoaba and the fate of the vaquita are connected. They are not predators or prey of each other. However, both hunt near the seafloor. Both animals are caught in nets set for seafood. In addition, vaquita are caught in nets illegally set for totoaba. Both are **critically endangered**.

- LENGTH: Up to 6.5 feet long (2 m)
- WEIGHT: Up to 220 pounds (100 kg)
- HOME: only in the Gulf of California, Mexico
- HABITAT: water column down to the sea floor
- DIET: crabs and other crustaceans, sardines, anchovies, and other fish
- LIFESPAN: 25 years
- FACT: Totoaba are part of the croaker family. Croakers make drumming or frog-like croaking sounds.



Vaquita and totoaba are accidentally caught in nets set for shrimp and other animals. **Help save vaquita and other ocean animals by eating sustainably caught seafood.** Learn more about sustainable seafood in WhaleTimes "What is Sustainable Seafood?" fact sheet.