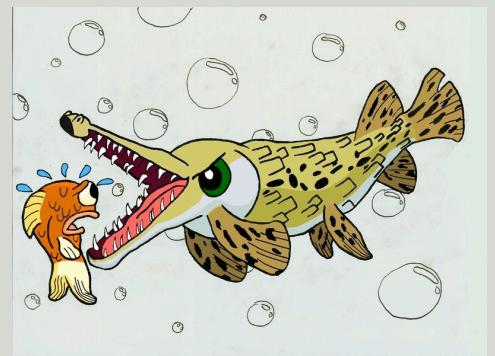
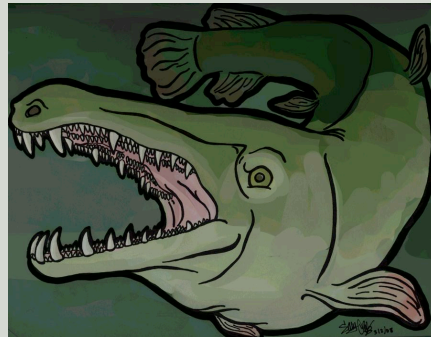
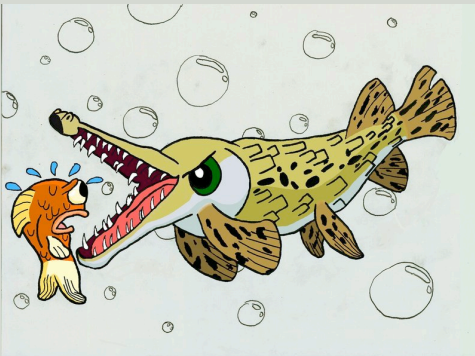


ALLIGATOR GAR

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So you're probably wondering by now what in the world an Alligator Gar is. Well just remember to not just look at these insane photos and actually read about the: Alligator Gar. The Alligator Gar is important to the world's eco system because the species is becoming more and more rare by the minute due to people hunting them for trophies.

WHAT IS AN ALLIGATOR GAR?

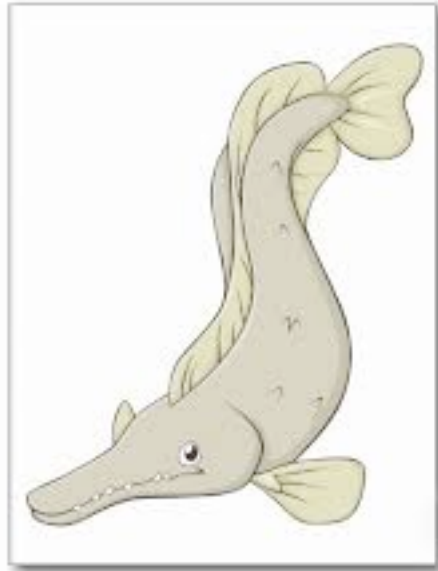
Alligator Gar is a specimen of fish that is particularly dangerous but they rarely attack humans. They live in North America, usually around murky ponds or lakes. The Alligator Gar resembles a hybrid of both fish and alligator. Its scientific name is *Atractosteus Adamantinus*.

WHY IS THE ALLIGATOR GAR IMPORTANT?

The Alligator Gar is important because it is growing extinct and is an endangered species. The Native American Indians worshipped the Alligator Gar as a river god for food, teeth, and their scales. The only reason the Indians did this is because they thought of the gar as a beautiful creature and a dangerous one too. The Indians also thought that they should put the animal to use, and that's why they worshipped the gar.



ALLIGATOR



The Alligator Gar eats absolutely everything in sight. They also eat other fish and dead deer by the bay. As well as humans, but only if they need to for survival. They are Omnivores, Carnivores, and Piscivores all in one if you think about it.

WORLD RECORD GAR

The average gar can grow up to 8-10 feet in length. Which is normal considering how BIG their ancestors where. An average gar weighs 200 pounds, which is normal considering how big they can get. The world's largest gar was 375 pounds, 8' 5 1/4", and 48" round. The gars Top speed was 40 mph. A gar lives to be 50-70 years old.



MATING AND BABIES

The Gar usually breeds in wetland vegetation, murky ponds, or lakes because they need camouflage to breed so predators don't kill them. The Gar's eggs are very poisonous, which means the Gar doesn't want their kind to die out. An average female gar lays 138,000.

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