



NOAA FISHERIES

Southeast Region
Protected Resources Division

Gulf of Mexico's Threatened and Endangered Species

For more information on listed species please visit:
<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/esa/listed.htm>
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/protected_resources/index.html

| Marine Mammal Species | Scientific Name | Status |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| fin whale | <i>Balaenoptera physalus</i> | Endangered |
| humpback whale | <i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i> | Endangered |
| sei whale | <i>Balaenoptera borealis</i> | Endangered |
| sperm whale | <i>Physeter macrocephalus</i> | Endangered |
| Sea Turtle Species | | |
| green sea turtle | <i>Chelonia mydas</i> | Threatened ¹ |
| hawksbill sea turtle | <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> | Endangered |
| Kemp's ridley sea turtle | <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> | Endangered |
| leatherback sea turtle | <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> | Endangered |
| loggerhead sea turtle | <i>Caretta caretta</i> | Threatened ² |
| Fish Species | | |
| Gulf sturgeon | <i>Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi</i> | Threatened |
| Nassau grouper | <i>Epinephelus striatus</i> | Threatened |
| smalltooth sawfish | <i>Pristis pectinata</i> | Endangered |
| Invertebrate Species | | |
| lobed star coral | <i>Orbicella annularis</i> | Threatened |
| mountainous star coral | <i>Orbicella faveolata</i> | Threatened |
| boulder star coral | <i>Orbicella franksi</i> | Threatened |
| elkhorn coral | <i>Acropora palmata</i> | Threatened ³ |

Critical Habitat Designations

For final rules, maps, and GIS data please visit:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/maps_gis_data/protected_resources/critical_habitat/index.html

Loggerhead sea turtle: There are 38 designated marine areas that occur throughout the Southeast Region.

Gulf sturgeon: There are 14 marine and estuarine units located in Northwest Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and eastern Louisiana.

Smalltooth sawfish: There are two habitat units located in Charlotte Harbor and in the Ten Thousand Islands/Everglades, Florida.

¹ North Atlantic and South Atlantic distinct population segments.

² Northwest Atlantic distinct population segment.

³ Colonies located at Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.



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Species Proposed for Listing Under the Endangered Species Act

Federal action agencies are encouraged to include species proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in their Section 7 consultation requests. Species that are proposed for listing are those which have been found to warrant federal protection under the ESA, but a final rule formally listing the species has not yet published. By including these species in your Section 7 consultation, reinitiating consultation after the ESA listing is finalized may not be necessary.

For more information on species proposed for listing under the ESA, please visit: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/esa/candidate.htm#proposed>