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# The Razorback Sucker

One of the largest suckers in North America, the razorback can grow up to 3 feet long and can live 40 years. The “hump” on its back helps stabilize the fish in swift, turbulent waters. Razorbacks were a popular fish to catch into the 1940’s. Habitat alteration and introduction of non-native fish have reduced their populations. In an effort to recover this species, biologists

are raising it in hatcheries and stocking it into the Colorado River. They are also working to restore river habitat and to reduce the threat

posed by non-native fish that compete with, or prey upon, this endangered fish.

