



Sturgeon Tank FAQ

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What kind of fish are these?

These are Lake Sturgeon, a threatened species living in the St. Clair River.

Why do you have these sturgeon?

We use our sturgeon for education and outreach, as well as help them grow past their most vulnerable stage of life.

Can I get lake sturgeon for my fish tank?

Lake sturgeon are a state protected species and not available to purchase nor catch to keep for personal tanks. We hold permits which allow us to raise our sturgeon.



Where did these sturgeon come from?

Eggs were ethically sourced from St. Clair River sturgeon, then hatched in a hatchery before we received them.

Do you get to keep them?

No, they will be released back into the St. Clair River at the Blue Water Sturgeon Festival on June 3, 2023.

Can you catch lake sturgeon?

Yes, you can catch lake sturgeon during fishing season. Visit www.michigan.gov/DNR for rules and regulations.



Why does the tank look empty?

Lake sturgeon live along the cobbly bottom of rivers, where there aren't many plants or places to hide. Keeping the tank bare mimics their real environment while helping keep the tank clean.

Is it normal for sturgeon to lie on the bottom?

Yes, lake sturgeon feed along the bottom, so it's not uncommon for them to rest on the bottom, too.

What do lake sturgeon eat?

In captivity, they are fed frozen bloodworms. In the wild, they eat aquatic invertebrates, such as insect larvae, snails, and leeches.

