

Artwork © Theresa Lemon, Sawfish

# SAWFISH

Aquatic habitats on Malak Malak country are home to the **Largetooth Sawfish (*Pristis pristis*) known locally as Tyemirerriny**

Sawfish are protected and if caught must be released unharmed (fines apply for illegal possession). While customary harvest by Indigenous people is permitted by law, the Malak Malak Rangers and traditional owners ask you to help protect this special species.

“I’m finding out more about Sawfish, how they are fading, and it’s ... sad really. We’d like to help keep the Sawfish around.”

Theresa Lemon, Malak Malak Ranger and Traditional Owner.

**Sawfish sightings provide valuable scientific information.**

## If you see a Sawfish

Note the date, location and take a photograph if possible, then report to: Northern Territory Fisheries

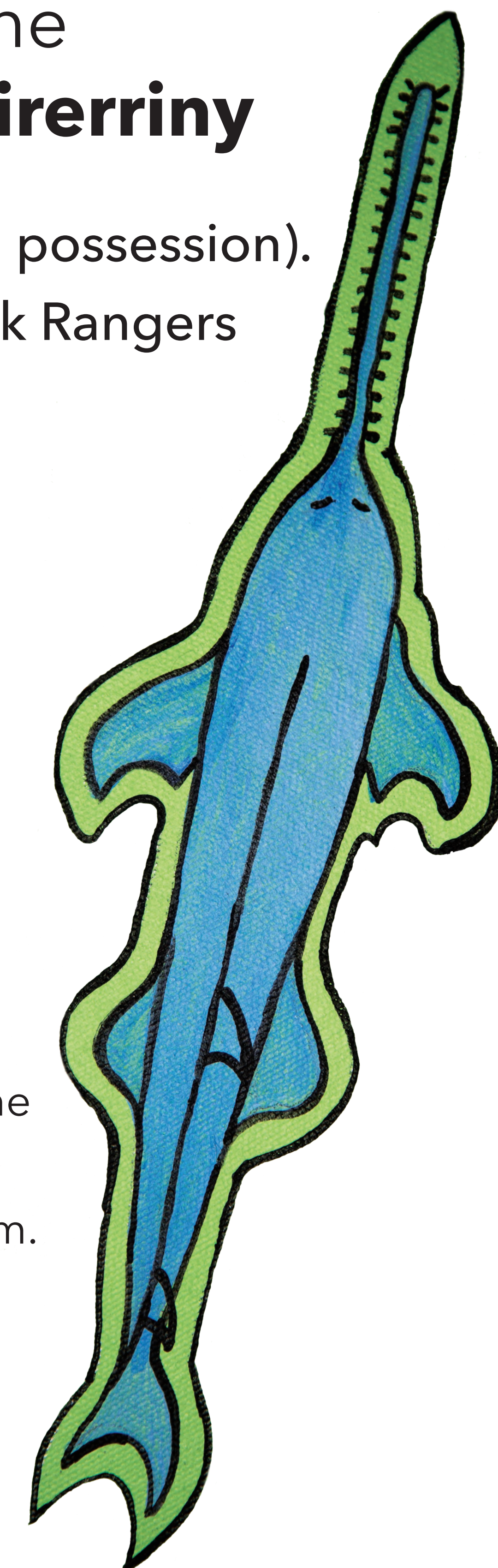
email: [fisheries@nt.gov.au](mailto:fisheries@nt.gov.au) or

Phone: **08 8999 2144**

## If you catch a Sawfish

Remove the hook and line, or cut the line as close to the mouth as possible.

Beware of the sharp teeth on the rostrum.



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