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Sea lamprey (*Petromizon marinus*)

Sea lamprey is also an anadromous species that has experienced serious declines during the last century, rendering their inclusion in Annex II of the EU Habitats Directive. Threatened by the fragmentation of rivers, dredging and sediment pollution, especially in the Mediterranean basin is considered rare and vulnerable. Sea lamprey spawns in the lower reaches of the Ebre River, but adults and also larvae have been greatly diminished. Only several individuals have been caught during last years. Unfortunately, there is not so much available information on this fish species. Currently sea lamprey has a low population in Catalonia, only at the lower Ebre and Delta, and probably at its limit of survival.

CONSERVATION STATUS

- **UICN Worldwide category.** Not classified.
- **UICN Spanish Category.** VD B1+2abcc (Vulnerable)
- **National legislation.** Guadalquivir, Southern Spain and Ebre populations classified as "Endangered".
- **Regional legislation.** Classified as "Endangered" in Annex 1 of Extremadura endangered species regional Catalogue, 26th June law 8/1998. Classified as "D" in Annex II of wild native fauna protected species, 1994 extension of Catalonia animal protection law 3/88. Classified as "special interest" in Navarra Vertebrate wild fauna registre, Foral Order 0209/1995, 13th February. Classified as "Vulnerable" in Principality of Asturias Vertebrate fauna endangered species regional Catalogue, Order 32/90 8th March.
- **International Conventions.** In Annex III Bern Convention 82/72
- **European Directives.** Annex II Habitat Directive 21st May 1992.
- **Red Books.** Mentioned as "Vulnerable" in Spanish Vertebrates Red Book (1992).