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## Amazing Species: Southern Stingray

The **Southern Stingray**, *Dasyatis americana*, is listed Data Deficient on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It is wide-ranging in the western Atlantic in coastal areas from New Jersey throughout the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea to southeastern Brazil.

Fishing poses a potential threat to the Southern Stingray through harvesting in some regions of South America, as well as artisanal fisheries in southern Mexico. Along the coast of the USA, this species may also be caught as incidental bycatch. Throughout the Caribbean, the Southern Stingray is hugely valued for ecotourism and at popular dive sites. There is increasing concern that such human-interaction could have negative impacts, for example behavioural or ecological, on the stingrays.

Currently, no conservation measures are in place for the Southern Stingray. Since there is little information to assess the impacts of fishing on this species, populations in South America require monitoring and surveying. It is a hardy species in captivity, and has been bred successfully in several zoological institutions. Providing adequate genetic diversity within captive populations, the need to capture specimens from the wild should be greatly reduced.

**Knowledge** <sup>EQ</sup>  
**Experts** <sup>EQ</sup>  
**Action** <sup>EQ</sup>  
**Get Involved** <sup>EQ</sup>



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