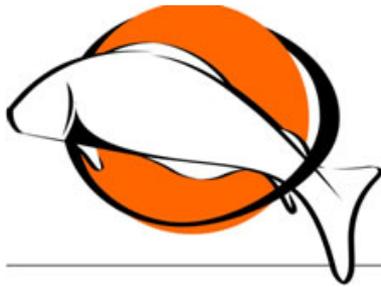


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#### 32 kg (70 lb) Siberian Sturgeon rod & reel record

Hundreds of fishing lakes in Europe are stocked with different sturgeon species and hybrids. Sturgeon fishing in artificial lakes and ponds has become very popular since the mid 1990s. Especially France, Italy, Germany, Austria and Hungary offer a good chance to set a new best mark. Fortunately more and more fishermen and lake owners distinguish the different species. The latest Sportfishing record goes to Austria for a 32 kg (70 lb) Siberian Sturgeon.

[More about the catch](#)



#### Two new, large Sorubim species discovered

Shovelnose catfishes (*Pseudoplatystoma* spp.) are the most attractive catfishes in South America beside the Redtail Catfish for sport fishermen. This genus traditionally contained only three species, the Spotted, Barred and Tiger Sorubim. Since 2007 scientists recognize eight species in this genus. After a long search we included two of them with accurate catch data in the database, the [Reticulated Shovelnose](#) and the [Magdalena Shovelnose](#).

[South American catfish species over 50 kg](#)



### 10,5 kg (23 lb) - the new record weight for Piapara

Every month we present large freshwater species, which are not in the focus of foreign anglers. This time it is the Piapara (*Leporinus obtusidens*), known as Boga (also applied to many other species) in Argentina. He inhabits the basins of the Paraná River, Uruguay River and São Francisco River. The size of this omnivorous fish is extremely variable according to the area. In the middle course of the Paraná some specimens reach over 8 kg, in fish farms up to 10 kg. As far as we know the rod & reel record stands at 10,5 kg (23 lb).

[More about the catch](#)



### Estimated 154 kg (340 lb) Nile Perch - largest specimen with photo proof?

During one of his travels Jeremy Wade spoke to the men at the fishing cooperative in Arba Minch, who had netted the heaviest Nile Perch in Ethiopia. It's flesh weighed 105 kg (231 lb) without head, guts and fins. The total weight is estimated around 154 kg (340 lb). This is realistic, as the fish on the photo has a far wider girth than the rod & reel record. The photo is shown in the popular series "River Monsters", episode 13. Although there are a lot of reports of giants up to 250 kg (551 lb), it seems that none of them was captured in a picture...

[More Nile Perch records](#)



### Wanted: photo of the 33 kg (72 lb) Red Mahseer record

Aznir Malek, the well-known fishing expert from Malaysia informed us, that a new record Mahseer (*Tor tambroides*) was caught in the Bidor River in Malaysia in spring 2012. Unfortunately we got no photo of the 33 kg (72 lb) specimen till now. The rod & reel record stands at 25 kg (55 lb). Who has more details?

[Red Mahseer records](#)

Tight lines!



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