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Survey-based assessment of recapture data for Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*) in Lithuanian fisheries

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Table S1. Survey questions and explanatory notes.

#	Survey question	Notes
1	Have you ever caught a sturgeon?	
2	When did you first catch a sturgeon?	If doubtful, fishermen were asked to provide the year they are confident with.
3	How many sturgeons did you catch in 2018? Please specify by gear if possible.	If doubtful, fishermen were asked to provide the minimum number.
4	How many sturgeons did you catch in 2017? Please specify by gear if possible.	If doubtful, fishermen were asked to provide the minimum number.
5	How many sturgeons have you caught in total during the last 5 years?	If doubtful, fishermen were asked to provide the minimum number.
6	What is your opinion about sturgeon abundance – is it increasing, decreasing or stable?	
7	What type of fishing gear usually catches considerably more or most sturgeons? Please provide more details if any.	
8	Which months/season do you usually catch considerably more or most sturgeons? Please provide more details if any.	If doubtful, fishermen were asked to provide a few months or seasons.
9	What size sturgeons do you usually catch? Please provide rough estimate (e.g. <0.5 kg, 0.5 – 1 kg, 1-2 kg, >2kg)	If doubtful, fisherman were asked to give a size range.
10	What was the biggest sturgeon you have caught?	If doubtful, fisherman were asked to give a rough estimate (e.g. <2kg, 2-5 kg, >5kg)
11	Where did you usually catch considerably more or most sturgeons? Please provide a short description – e.g. area, depth, substrate.	
12	Have you ever caught a tagged sturgeon?	
13	When did you first catch a tagged sturgeon?	If doubtful, fishermen were asked to provide the year they are confident with.
14	How many tagged sturgeons did you catch in 2018? Please specify by gear if possible.	If doubtful, fishermen were asked to provide the minimum number.
15	How many tagged sturgeons did you catch in 2017? Please specify by gear if possible.	If doubtful, fishermen were asked to provide the minimum number.
16	How many tagged sturgeons have you caught during the last 5 years?	If doubtful, fishermen were asked to provide the minimum number.
17	Could you please describe the appearance of tags that you have encountered – material, shape, colour, type.	
18	Please provide additional information if any that you consider important about sturgeons in the Baltic Sea basin?	