

A photograph showing a person's hands holding several small, slender fish (razorback suckers) over a dark, rippling pool of water. The person is wearing a light-colored jacket and a watch. The background is dark and blurry, suggesting an outdoor setting.

Reversing population declines of endangered razorback sucker through adaptive management, 2023-2025

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Razorback sucker released in 2023, recaptured in 2024



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Pilot-level augmentation study (3 years) to release juvenile razorback suckers in multiple sites

Increase knowledge of movements and survival of juvenile razorback sucker

Results will allow for adaptation of future translocations and/or augmentation programs to achieve positive population growth rates in GRCA

2023- released 866 into Havasu Creek. Unfortunately, we've had minimal monitoring, but in May 2024 we recaptured 7. We have some antenna data to look through as well.

2024- released 790 into the Little Colorado River. Will leverage existing monitoring and are planning a separate trip in the fall.

Tune into the 7/18 NPS Fish Stakeholders call for more, or contact Emily (emily_omana@nps.gov)



It was incredibly meaningful for us to connect with Pueblo of Zuni stakeholders in Havasu Creek in June and share information about our efforts to protect and conserve native fishes in Grand Canyon.

Sharing information in these sacred places is important, and vastly more meaningful than in a conference room. We would welcome the opportunity to participate in a Pueblo of Zuni river trip if invited and encourage others to do so.

