

*Morone americana* 正體中文

**System:** Brackish

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Actinopterygii	Perciformes	Moronidae

**Common name** hvit havabbor (English, Norway), havabbor (English, Norway), vitabborre (English, Sweden), White perch (English, English), wreckfish (English, English), cernier atlantique (English, France), morona (Russian), spigola americana (English, Italy), bars (English, Denmark), narrow-mouthed bass (English), silver perch (English, English), sea perch (English), seebarsch (English, Germany), baret can (English, France), bar blanc d'Amerique (English, France), perche blanche (English, France), rokiel srebrzysty (English, Poland), Amerikansk bars (English, Denmark), robalo-do-norte (English, Portugal), robalo do norte (English, Portugal), Amerikanbassi (English, Finland)

**Synonym** *Perca americana* , Gmelin, 1789  
*Morone americanus* , (Gmelin, 1789)  
*Roccus americanus* , (Gmelin, 1789)  
*Perca immaculata* , Walbaum, 1792  
*Morone pallida* , Mitchell, 1814  
*Morone rufa* , Mitchell, 1814

## Similar species

**Summary** *Morone americana* is a semi-anadromous fish native the Atlantic Coast, that has made its way into the Great Lakes through the Erie and Welland canals. Dense *Morone americana* populations compete for food and feed on the eggs of native species. Hybridisation with other perch species is another threat that may cause dilution to local species gene pools.



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## Species Description

*Morone americana* is a semi-anadromous fish that in its native range migrates from the saltier areas of bays and coastland into tidal-fresh portions of streams and rivers to spawn in spring. *M. americana* usually reach a length of 127-178mm and can weight from 250g on average to a record of 650g. The colouring of this species is variable from dark grayish-green, dark silvery green, or dark brown to almost black on back; pale olive or silvery green on sides; silvery white on belly. Other identifying characteristics include: The body is deepest just ahead of, or at the beginning of, the dorsal fin; There are no lines or stripes on the back or sides; When the spiny dorsal fin is pulled erect, the soft dorsal fin also becomes erect; The second and third bony anal spines are almost exactly the same length; and The anal fin usually has 8 or 9 soft rays behind the 3 bony spines (Chesapeake Bay Program, 2006; National Sea Grant, 1998; and Wisconsin Sea Grant, 2002).



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## Notes

In the Chesapeake Bay, there is increasing concern about toxic materials, like Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs). Scientists assess PCB concentrations in local *M. americana*. This species is a good indicator of toxic contaminant concentrations in the Bay's waters because they are a resident species in the Bay. Data gathered from Maryland and Virginia suggests that PCB concentrations are higher among *M. americana* in the upper Bay than they are in the lower Bay. Similarly, there is a trend in fish tissue where fish on the eastern shore have lower concentrations of PCBs than their counterparts on the western shore. A common characteristic among the areas of the Bay where *M. americana* have higher PCB concentrations is related to land development; the western shore of the Bay is more developed than the eastern shore of the Bay, and *M. americana* from the Bay's western shore have higher PCB concentrations than their counterparts on the eastern shore (Chesapeake Bay Program, 2006).

## Lifecycle Stages

Males may spawn for the first time at age 2, females usually by age 3. These fish usually spawn in late spring in brackish to nearly fresh water rivers over sandy bottoms. When spawning females release between 50,000 and 150,000 eggs over a period of 10 to 21 days; several males may hover around a single female as she spawns to fertilize her eggs; and hatching takes place between 1 and 6 days following fertilization. Young *M. americana* use near shore areas downstream from their hatching areas to feed on the larvae of insects and crustaceans during their first summer and fall seasons. Mature *M. americana* may remain in quiet tributaries throughout spring and summer, or venture into open waters; in winter; however, adults swim downstream to the deeper channels. *M. americana* may live up to around 10 years, feeding on small fish and shellfish, and other bottom-dwelling aquatic species (Chesapeake Bay Program, 2006).

## Uses

An excellent panfish highly regarded as a food fish in the Eastern United States, it is not often exploited as a game fish and generally is regarded as undesirable, especially when over-population in fresh waters causes the species to become stunted (Wisconsin Sea Grant, 2002).

## Habitat Description

Their native range is the Atlantic Slope drainages from St. Lawrence-Lake Ontario drainage in Quebec south to the Pee Dee River of South Carolina. They have now become very common in shallow portions of inland lakes and rivers (Minnesota Sea Grant 2001; and Wisconsin Sea Grant, 2002).

## Nutrition

Fish eggs are an important component of the diet of *Morone americana* especially in the spring months and this species will even cannibalize its own eggs. Walleye or white bass eggs can make up 100% of *M. americana* diet depending on which fish is spawning. *M. americana* also feed heavily on minnows of *Notropis spp.* and zooplankton (Fuller, 2005).

## General Impacts

*Morone americana* compete for food with native fish species and also eat the eggs of walleye (*Stizostedion vitreum*), white bass (*Morone chrysops*), other *M. americana* and possibly other species as well. They are also believed to be a potential cause of decline in *S. vitreum* populations. Another concern is that *M. americana* have hybridized with native *Morone chrysops* in western Lake Erie. Hybrids are capable of backcrossing with parent species as well as crossing among themselves and could dilute the gene pool of both parent species (Fuller et al. 2006).

Fish eggs are an important diet component in the spring. Depending on which fish is spawning, the eggs of either walleye or white bass comprise 100% of *M. americana*'s diet. Collapse in certain fisheries have coincided with increases in *M. americana* populations and are believed to be a result of egg predation and resulting lack of recruitment (Fuller et al. 2006).



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## Pathway

Species such as *R. catesbeiana* have been introduced into new locations with the intention of establishing new food sources for human consumption (Kraus, 2009). Although this pathway has been of limited importance in the second half of the 20th century although it is still important in many developing countries (Kraus, 2009). *M. americana* invaded the Great Lakes through the Erie and Welland canals in 1950 (WDNR, 2004).

**Principal source:** [Pam Fuller, Erynn Maynard, and David Raikow, 2006.](#) *Morone americana*. USGS Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Database, Gainesville, FL.

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## ALIEN RANGE

[1] BAY OF QUINTE  
[1] LAKE CHAMPLAIN  
[1] LAKE HURON  
[1] LAKE ONTARIO  
[1] LAKE SUPERIOR

[1] GREAT LAKES  
[1] LAKE ERIE  
[1] LAKE MICHIGAN  
[1] LAKE ST. CLAIR  
[38] UNITED STATES

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### Management information

[Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science \(CEFAS\), 2008. Decision support tools-Identifying potentially invasive non-native marine and freshwater species: fish, invertebrates, amphibians.](#)

**Summary:** The electronic tool kits made available on the Cefas page for free download are Crown Copyright (2007-2008). As such, these are freeware and may be freely distributed provided this notice is retained. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made and users should satisfy themselves as to the applicability of the results in any given circumstance. Toolkits available include 1) FISK- Freshwater Fish Invasiveness Scoring Kit (English and Spanish language version); 2) MFISK- Marine Fish Invasiveness Scoring Kit; 3) MI-ISK- Marine invertebrate Invasiveness Scoring Kit; 4) FI-ISK- Freshwater Invertebrate Invasiveness Scoring Kit and AmphISK- Amphibian Invasiveness Scoring Kit. These tool kits were developed by Cefas, with new VisualBasic and computational programming by Lorenzo Vilizzi, David Cooper, Andy South and Gordon H. Copp, based on VisualBasic code in the original Weed Risk Assessment (WRA) tool kit of P.C. Sheloung, P.A. Williams & S.R. Halloy (1999).

The decision support tools are available from:

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**Summary:** FishBase is a global information system with all you ever wanted to know about fishes. FishBase on the web contains practically all fish species known to science. FishBase was developed at the WorldFish Center in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and many other partners, and with support from the European Commission (EC). Since 2001 FishBase is supported by a consortium of seven research institutions. You can search on [Search FishBase](#). This species profile is available from: <http://filaman.ifm-geomar.de/Summary/SpeciesSummary.php?id=355> [Accessed 20 March 2006]

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