

Atlantic Ocean Table 3. Species of Greatest Conservation Need currently found within the Atlantic Ocean Basin. Species are listed alphabetically by taxonomic group and then by species common name. Species Group assignment and population stability for the basin are indicated.

TaxaGroup	Species	Scientific Name	Species Group	Stability
Bird	American oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	Beach and Island ground-nesting birds	Stable
Bird	Black scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Unknown
Bird	Black skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	Beach and Island ground-nesting birds	Stable
Bird	Common eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Increasing
Bird	Common loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Common loon	Unknown
Bird	Common tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Beach and Island ground-nesting birds	Decreasing
Bird	Cory's shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Unknown
Bird	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Transient shorebirds	Unknown
Bird	Greater scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Decreasing
Bird	Greater shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Unknown
Bird	Harlequin duck	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Stable
Bird	Horned grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Unknown
Bird	Least tern	<i>Sterna antillarum</i>	Beach and Island ground-nesting birds	Decreasing
Bird	Long-tailed duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Unknown
Bird	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Osprey	Stable
Bird	Piping plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Beach and Island ground-nesting birds	Increasing
Bird	Purple sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Transient shorebirds	Unknown
Bird	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Unknown
Bird	Red knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Transient shorebirds	Decreasing
Bird	Red-necked phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Unknown
Bird	Red-throated loon	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Unknown
Bird	Roseate tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	Beach and Island ground-nesting birds	Decreasing
Bird	Ruddy turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Transient shorebirds	Unknown
Bird	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Transient shorebirds	Unknown
Bird	Semipalmated sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	Transient shorebirds	Unknown
Bird	Short-billed dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	Transient shorebirds	Unknown
Bird	Surf scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Unknown
Bird	White-winged scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	Wintering waterbirds	Unknown
Crustacea/Meristomata	American lobster	<i>Homarus americanus</i>	American lobster	Unknown
Crustacea/Meristomata	Blue crab	<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	Blue crab	Unknown
Crustacea/Meristomata	Horseshoe crab	<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	Horseshoe crab	Unknown
Crustacea/Meristomata	Marine zooplankton	<i>Various species of invertebrates</i>	Zooplankton	Unknown
Herpetofauna	Green turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Sea turtles	Decreasing
Herpetofauna	Kemp's or Atlantic ridley	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Sea turtles	Decreasing
Herpetofauna	Leatherback	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Sea turtles	Decreasing
Herpetofauna	Loggerhead	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Sea turtles	Decreasing
Mammal	Blue whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Marine mammals	Unknown
Mammal	Fin whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Marine mammals	Unknown
Mammal	Harbor porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	Marine mammals	Unknown
Mammal	Humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Marine mammals	Unknown
Mammal	Northern right whale	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Marine mammals	Unknown
Mammal	Sei whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Marine mammals	Unknown
Mammal	Sperm whale	<i>Physeter catodon</i>	Marine mammals	Unknown

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TaxaGroup	Species	Scientific Name	Species Group	Stability
Marine fish	Alewife	<i>Alosa pseudoharengus</i>	Alewife - marine district population	Unknown
Marine fish	American eel	<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	American eel	Unknown
Marine fish	American shad	<i>Alosa sapidissima</i>	American shad	Unknown
Marine fish	Atlantic silverside	<i>Menidia menidia</i>	Estuarine forage species	Unknown
Marine fish	Atlantic sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus</i>	Atlantic sturgeon	Unknown
Marine fish	Atlantic tomcod	<i>Microgadus tomcod</i>	Tomcod	Unknown
Marine fish	Atlantic torpedo	<i>Torpedo nobiliana</i>	Skates and Rays	Unknown
Marine fish	Barndoor skate	<i>Dipturus laevis</i>	Skates and Rays	Unknown
Marine fish	Basking shark	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	Pelagic sharks	Unknown
Marine fish	Bay anchovy	<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	Estuarine migratory pelagic	Unknown
Marine fish	Bigeye thresher shark	<i>Alopias superciliosus</i>	Pelagic sharks	Decreasing
Marine fish	Blue shark	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	Pelagic sharks	Decreasing
Marine fish	Blueback herring	<i>Alosa aestivalis</i>	Blueback herring	Decreasing
Marine fish	Bonnethead shark	<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	Pelagic sharks	Decreasing
Marine fish	Clearnose skate	<i>Raja eglanteria</i>	Skates and Rays	Unknown
Marine fish	Cownose ray	<i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i>	Skates and Rays	Unknown
Marine fish	Cunner	<i>Tautoglabrus adspersus</i>	Labrids	Unknown
Marine fish	Dusky shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	Demersal sharks	Decreasing
Marine fish	Fourspine stickleback	<i>Apeltes quadricus</i>	Estuarine associates of SAV	Unknown
Marine fish	Lined seahorse	<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	Estuarine associates of SAV	Unknown
Marine fish	Little skate	<i>Leucoraja erinacea</i>	Skates and Rays	Decreasing
Marine fish	Longfin mako shark	<i>Isurus paucus</i>	Pelagic sharks	Decreasing
Marine fish	Manta	<i>Manta birostris</i>	Skates and Rays	Unknown
Marine fish	Menhaden	<i>Brevoortia tyrannus</i>	Estuarine migratory pelagic	Unknown
Marine fish	Mummichog	<i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i>	Estuarine forage species	Unknown
Marine fish	N. American ninespine stickleback	<i>Pungitius pungitius occidentalis</i>	Estuarine associates of SAV	Unknown
Marine fish	Northern puffer	<i>Sphoeroides maculatus</i>	Northern puffer	Unknown
Marine fish	Oyster toadfish	<i>Opsanus tau</i>	Oyster toadfish	Unknown
Marine fish	Porbeagle shark	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	Pelagic sharks	Decreasing
Marine fish	Rainbow smelt	<i>Osmerus mordax</i>	Rainbow smelt	Decreasing
Marine fish	Rosette skate	<i>Leucoraja garmani virginica</i>	Skates and Rays	Unknown
Marine fish	Roughtail stingray	<i>Dasyatis centroura</i>	Skates and Rays	Unknown
Marine fish	Sand tiger shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	Demersal sharks	Unknown
Marine fish	Sandbar shark	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	Demersal sharks	Decreasing
Marine fish	Scalloped hammerhead shark	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Pelagic sharks	Decreasing
Marine fish	Shortfin mako shark	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	Pelagic sharks	Decreasing
Marine fish	Smooth hammerhead shark	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	Pelagic sharks	Unknown
Marine fish	Smooth skate	<i>Malacoraja senta</i>	Skates and Rays	Unknown
Marine fish	Spotfin killifish	<i>Fundulus luciae</i>	Estuarine forage species	Unknown
Marine fish	Striped killifish	<i>Fundulus majalis</i>	Estuarine forage species	Unknown
Marine fish	Tautog	<i>Tautoga onitis</i>	Labrids	Unknown
Marine fish	Thorny skate	<i>Amblyraja radiata</i>	Skates and Rays	Unknown
Marine fish	Thresher shark	<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>	Pelagic sharks	Decreasing
Marine fish	Tiger shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	Demersal sharks	Unknown
Marine fish	White shark	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	Pelagic sharks	Unknown
Marine fish	Winter flounder	<i>Pseudopleuronectes americanus</i>	Winter flounder	Decreasing
Marine fish	Winter skate	<i>Leucoraja ocellata</i>	Skates and Rays	Unknown