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Dr. Matthew T. Balazik is a Research Ecologist, at the USACE Engineering Research and Development Center, Wetland and Coastal Ecology Branch, Ecosystem Evaluation and Engineering Division.

Matt has 20 years of experience conducting fish ecology/biology and fisheries research. He also has 12 years of experience designing and creating living shorelines. Most of his research was focused in the Chesapeake Bay region. As a graduate student and associate faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University, he developed the Atlantic sturgeon (federally endangered species) research program in the James River, VA. His research has highly modified management's restoration practices, field techniques, and protective measures for the endangered Atlantic sturgeon along the fish's entire range. He was the field team leader for many Engineering With Nature projects for Shoreline Sensations, a LLC based in Virginia. He has presented his research at various international conferences and published over 50 journal, technical, and education outreach articles.

Matt's education includes B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biology from Virginia Commonwealth University and also a Ph.D. in Integrative Life Sciences from Virginia Commonwealth University.

