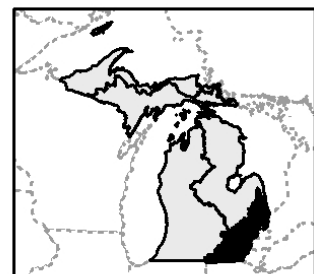


River Characteristic: Rock Banks

No Data



0 10 20 40 Kilometers

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Description

Banks are the ground bordering a channel above the streambed and below the level of rooted vegetation that often has a gradient steeper than 45° and exhibits a distinct break in slope from the stream bottom; the portion of the channel cross section that restricts lateral movement of water during normal streamflow. Rock banks are predominantly composed of a mass of stone of any size, consolidated or unconsolidated, of various mineral compositions.

General Condition of Feature

No data available.

Associated Species of Greatest Conservation Need

FISH

lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*)

Associated Threats

HABITAT CONVERSION

- Riparian modifications

Conservation Actions Needed (Threats addressed)

LAND, WATER & SPECIES MANAGEMENT

- Rehabilitate and protect riparian buffers (riparian modification)

LAW & POLICY

- Require mitigation and remediation for rock removal (riparian modification)
- Restrict rock removal during spawning and migration times (riparian modification)

Research and Survey Needs

- Determine the amount and condition of rock banks in this basin
- Determine the amount of use by SGCN of rock banks
- Determine what other species require rock banks for all or part of their life history

Monitoring

- Species that require rock bank habitat
- Rock removal operations
- Riparian modification