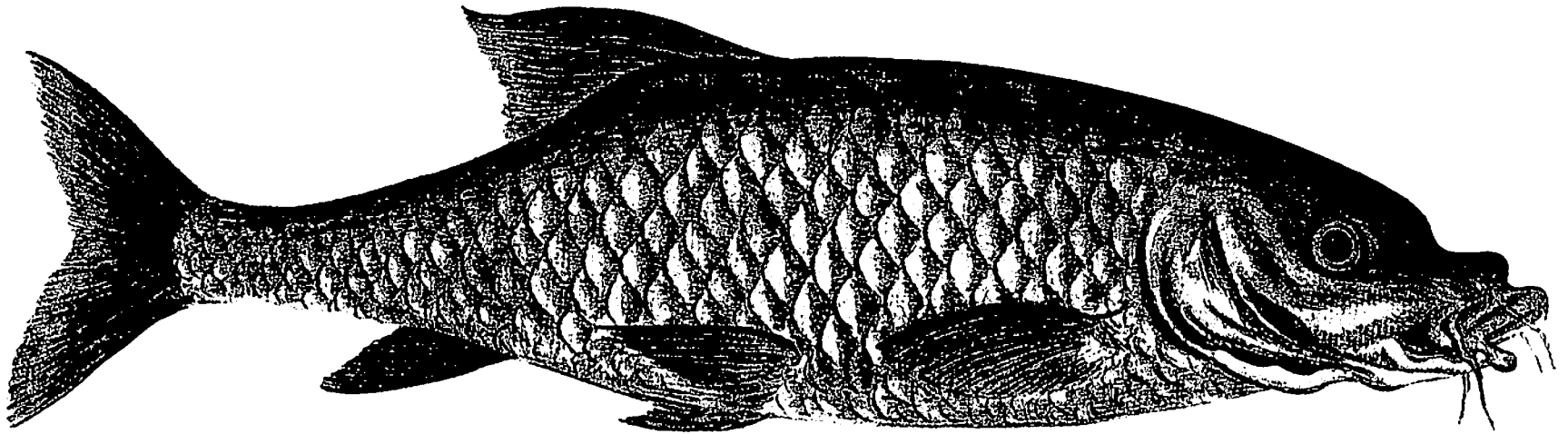


# AFRICANA ANIMALS

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**R**hinoceroses would certainly have been among the wild animals that roamed the Cape at the time that Jan van Riebeeck landed there in 1652. On 30 July 1778 William Paterson was near present-day Calvinia in the western Cape and wrote that the place Renosterbos was so named because of all the rhino that had been shot there in the past. The next day he crossed the Renoster River but did not report having seen any of the animals after which the countryside was named. Today you are not likely to see a rhinoceros in the wild in the Cape unless you go to the Addo Elephant National Park near Port Elizabeth, where you would see the black rhino. Hunters say that the black rhino is more irritable and aggressive than the white rhino which today is found mainly in Natal. Black rhino will charge for no reason at all and despite their size and weight they can turn very sharply.

Black rhinoceros – *Diceros bicornis*, from Paterson Album 1, Folio 17

