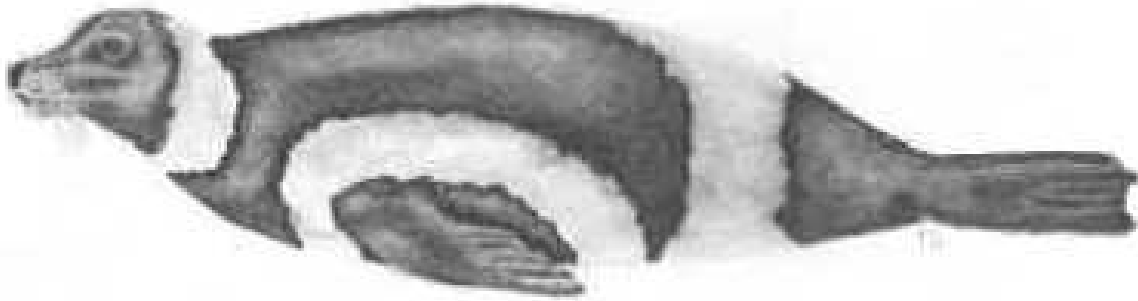


Ribbon Seal



Adult Length: 5-6 ft (1.5-1.8 m)

Adult Weight: 160-180 lb (73-82 kg)

Coloration: Strikingly patterned with light-colored bands on a dark body

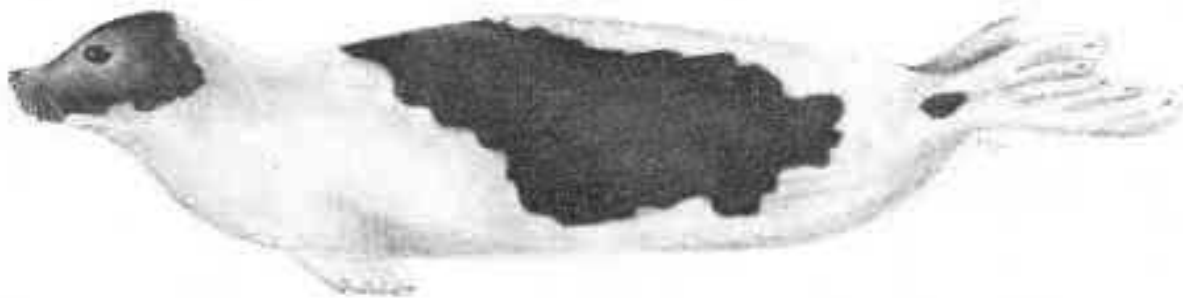
Distribution: Northern Pacific Ocean, Bering Sea, southern Chukchi Sea, and the Sea of Okhotsk

Life Span: 26 yrs

Diet: Adults feed on fish (primarily pollock and arctic cod) and squid, while juveniles will feed mostly on crustaceans

Other: The species' unique pattern is more distinct in the adult male than the adult female

Harp Seal



Adult Length: 5-6 ft (1.5-1.8 m)

Adult Weight: 130-140 lb (59-64 kg)

Coloration: Adults have a black face and black saddle across the back; Pups are born with a woolly white coat that is replaced by the adult coat within three to four weeks

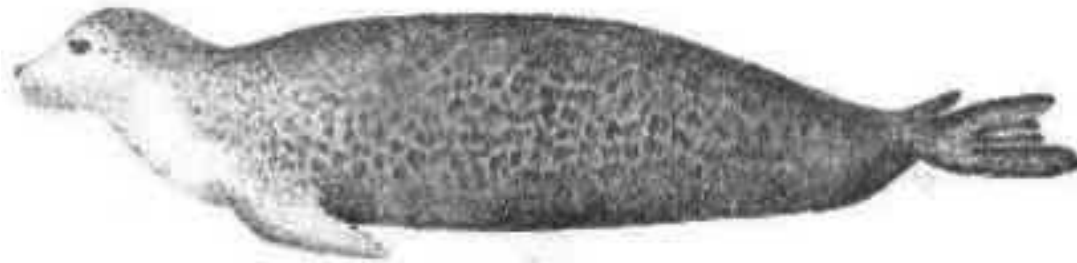
Distribution: The pack ice in the Northern Atlantic Ocean from Newfoundland to northern Russia

Life Span: 30 years

Diet: Cod, capelin, herring, and krill

Other: Males slightly larger than females; Harp seal congregate in large numbers on the drifting pack ice

Harbor Seal



Adult Length: 5-6 ft (1.5-1.8 m)

Adult Weight: 250-350 lb (113-159 kg)

Coloration: Tan to silver with dark spots, or dark with light rings; Coloration varies with latitude

Distribution: Islands and coastal areas in the North Atlantic and North Pacific

Life Span: Males: 25 years; Females: 35 years

Diet: A wide variety of fish and invertebrates

Other: Males are slightly larger than females; Spend time on land and at sea; Time at sea may be spent sleeping on the sea floor or drifting in the currents

South African and Australian Fur Seals

Adult Length: Males: 6'-7.5 ft (1.8-2.3 m); Females: 4-5.5 ft (1.2-1.7 m)

Adult Weight: Males 440-660 lb (200-300 kg); Females 77-243 lb (35-110 kg)

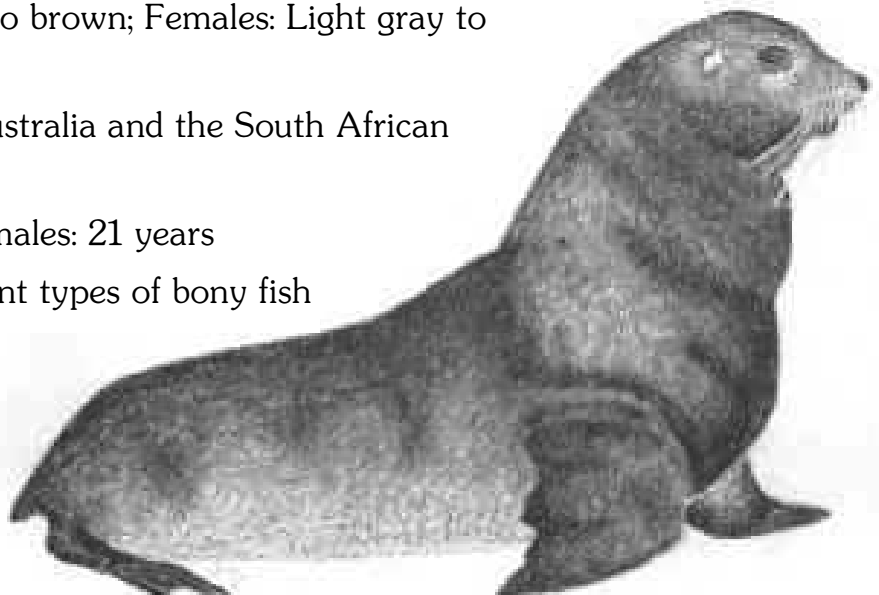
Coloration: Males: Dark gray to brown; Females: Light gray to brown; Pups: Black

Distribution: Southeastern Australia and the South African coast

Life Span: Males: 18 years; Females: 21 years

Diet: Squid, octopus, and different types of bony fish

Other: Males are much larger than females, with a black mane of short hairs



(Male shown in picture)

California and Galapagos Sea Lions

Adult Length: Males: 6.5-8 ft (2-2.4m); Females: 5-6.5 (1.5-2 m)

Adult Weight: Males 600-800 lb (270-360 kg); Females 200-400 lb (90-180kg)

Coloration: Males: Dark brown to black; Females: and juveniles: Tan to yellowish

Distribution: North America's Pacific coast, ranging from Baja California to British Columbia, Canada

Life Span: 20-30 years

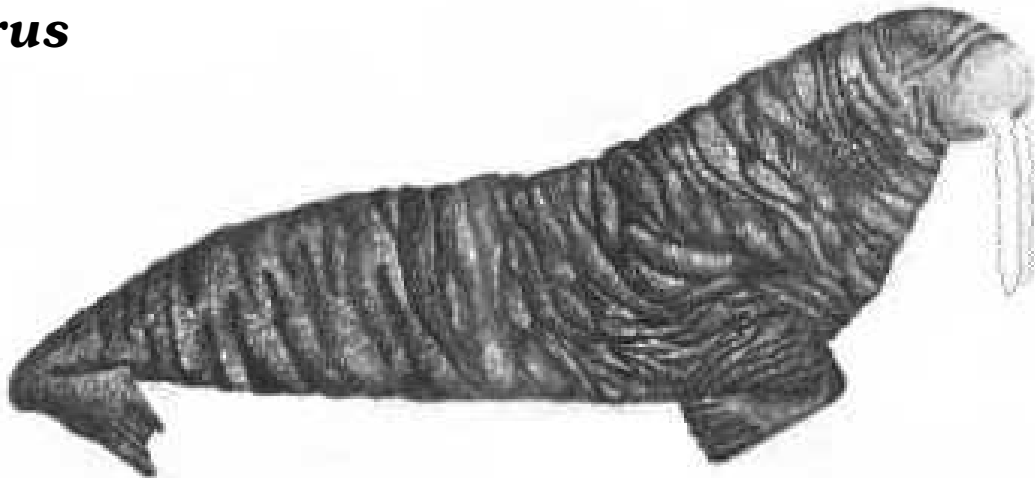
Diet: A variety of fish species (anchovies, herring, rockfish, etc.), squid and octopus

Other: Males are much larger than females, with a tuft of hair on the forehead (called the sagittal crest)



(Male shown in picture)

Walrus



Adult Length: Males: 9-12 ft (2.7-3.6 m); Females: 7.5-10 ft (2.3-3.1 m)

Adult Weight: Males: 2,000-4,000 lb (900-1,800 kg); Females: 800-2,500 lb (363-1,134 kg)

Coloration: Sparse light brown or blond hairs, and skin ranging in color from pink to brown; Skin color changes with temperature conditions

Distribution: Coastal habitats of the North Atlantic, Bering Sea, and Arctic Ocean

Life Span: 40 years

Diet: Mollusks, other invertebrates, and fish

Other: Adult males are much larger than females and have ward-like nodes on the neck

Strap-toothed Whale



Adult Length: 16.5–19.25 ft (5–6.2 m)

Adult Weight: 2,200–2,900 lb (1,000–1,300 kg)

Coloration: Distinct black and white/light gray markings; Dark mask across face

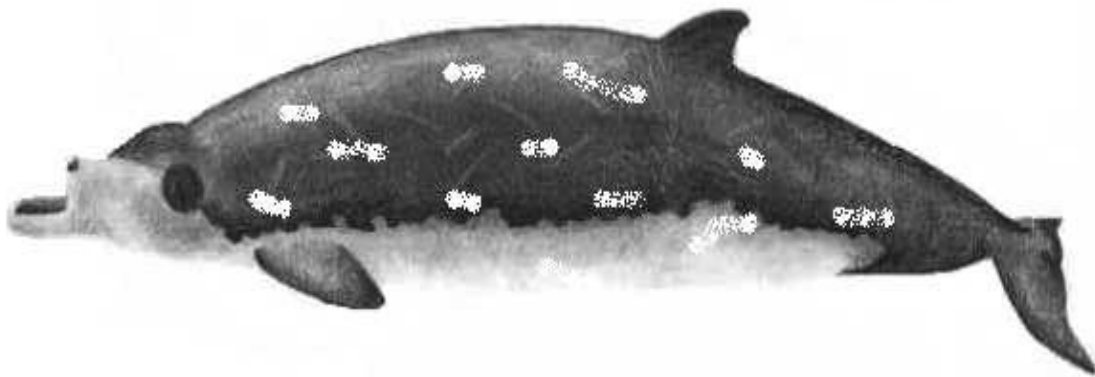
Distribution: Cold temperate waters of the Southern Hemisphere

Life Span: Unavailable

Diet: Squid

Other: Males have two strap-like teeth that curve over the upper jaw

Blainville's Beaked Whale



Adult Length: 14.75–19.25 ft (4.5–6 m)

Adult Weight: 1,800–2,200 lb (816–998 kg)

Coloration: Dark bluish-gray upper side and pale gray underside; Scratches and white oval scars usually prominent.

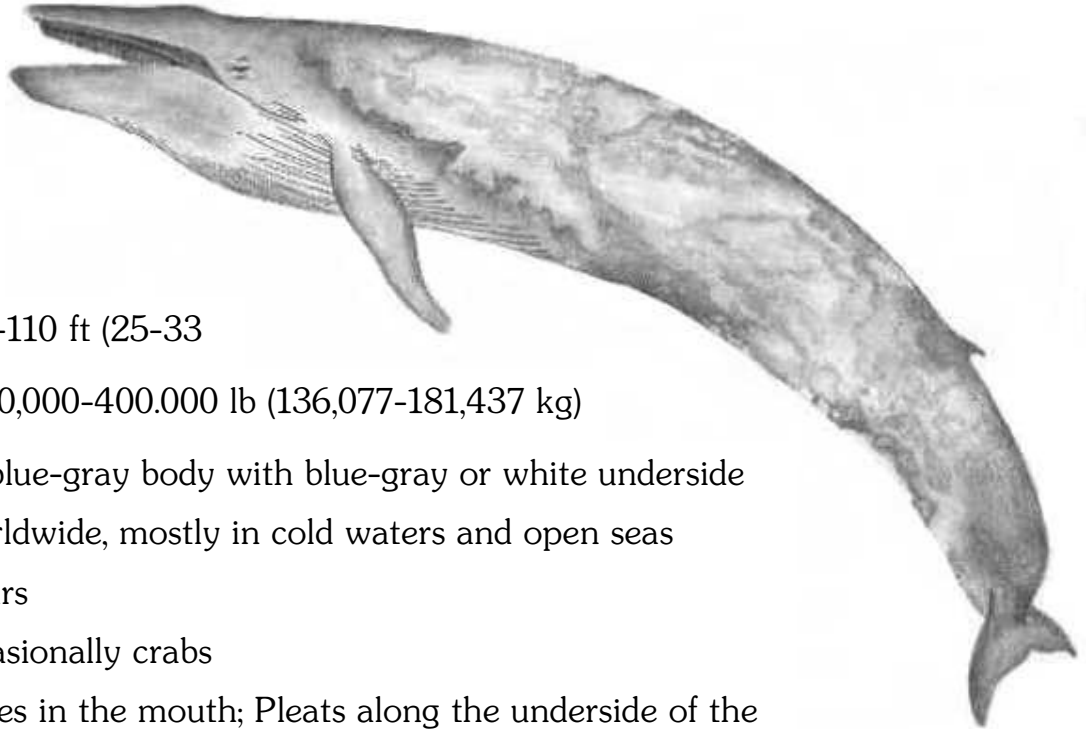
Distribution: Widely distributed across the world's tropical and warm temperate oceans

Life Span: Unavailable

Diet: Squid and some small fish

Other: Two spade-shaped teeth on the lower jaw

Blue Whale



Adult Length: 80-110 ft (25-33)

Adult Weight: 300,000-400,000 lb (136,077-181,437 kg)

Coloration: Pale blue-gray body with blue-gray or white underside

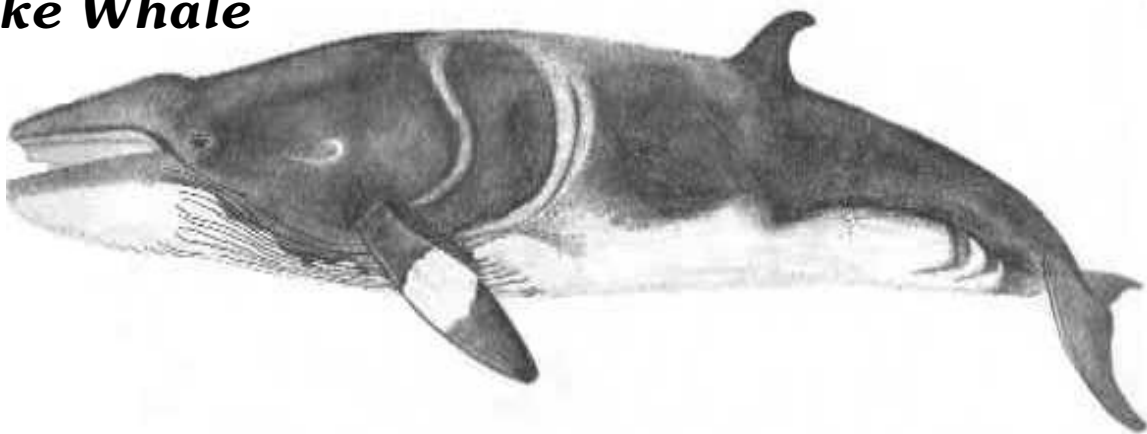
Distribution: Worldwide, mostly in cold waters and open seas

Life Span: 70 years

Diet: Krill and occasionally crabs

Other: Baleen plates in the mouth; Pleats along the underside of the body; Males usually shorter than the female; Heart weights about 1,000 lb (450 kg)

Minke Whale



Adult Length: 32-35 ft (9.8-10.7 m)

Adult Weight: Estimated at approximately 20,000 lb (9,200 kg)

Coloration: Black or dark gray top side with white underside and white across flippers

Distribution: Global, typically inhabiting warmer waters during winter and colder waters during summer

Life Span: Approximately 50 years

Diet: Small schooling fish and krill

Other: Short baleen plates; Pleats on the underside; Females slightly longer than males

Humpback Whale



Average Length: Males: 42-52 ft (13-16 m); Females: 45-56 ft (14-17 m)

Average Weight: 60,000-100,000 lb (27,216-45,359 kg)

Coloration: Black upper side with black, white, or mottling on the underside

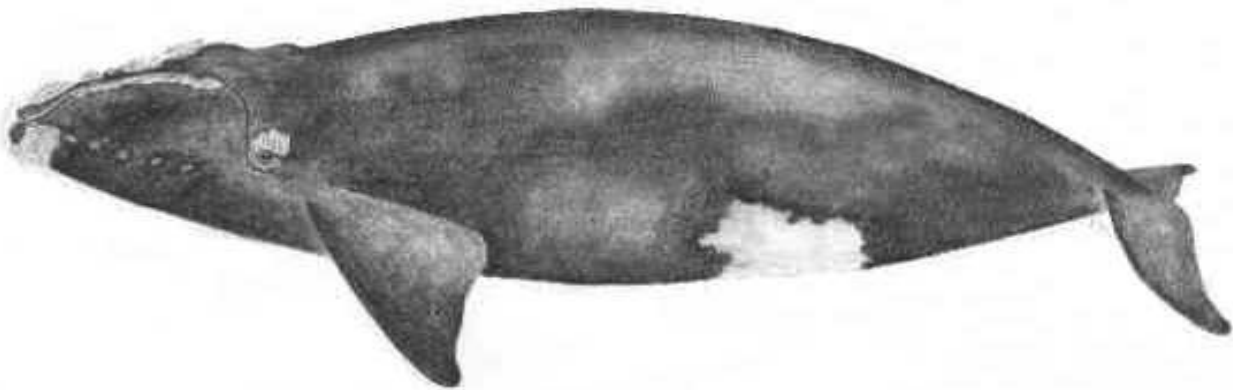
Distribution: All oceans from the poles to the tropics

Life Span: At least 50 years

Diet: Krill and small schooling fish

Other: Baleen plates in the mouth; Pleats on the underside from lower jaw to umbilicus

Southern Right Whale



Average Length: Males: 50 ft (15 m); Females: 56 ft (17 m)

Average Weight: 50,000-80,000 lb (22,680-36,287 kg)

Coloration: Black with white patches on the underside

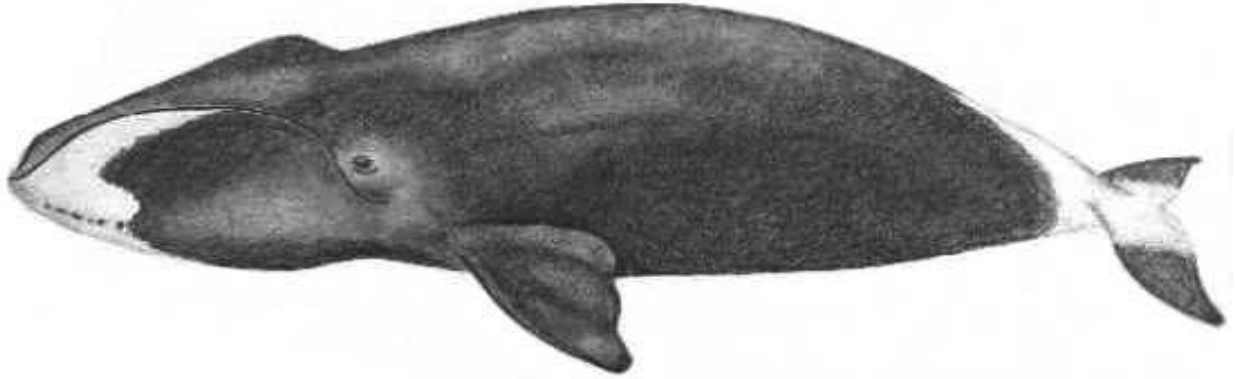
Distribution: Circumpolar in the Southern Hemisphere

Life Span: 70 years

Diet: Copepods and krill

Other: Baleen plates reach 9 ft (2.7 m) in length; Callosities, or patches of roughened skin, are present on the head

Bowhead Whale



Adult Length: 55-65 ft (16-20 m)

Adult Weight: 150,000-200,000 lbs (68,039-90,718 kg)

Coloration: Black with some white on the chin and sometimes at the base of the tail

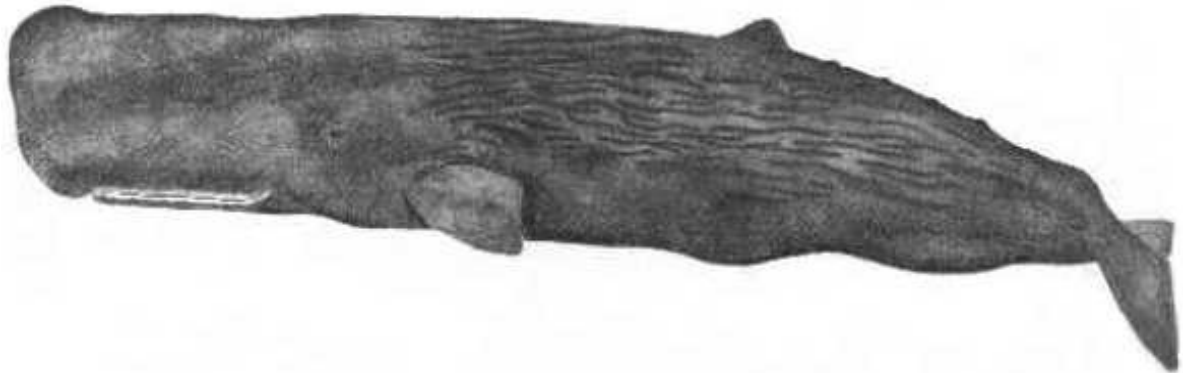
Distribution: Arctic and subarctic waters

Life Span: 100+ years

Diet: Copepods, krill, and other invertebrates

Other: Baleen plates in mouth may be up to 14 ft (4.3 m) long; Well-defined indentation behind blowhole

Sperm Whale



Adult Length: Males: 50-60 ft (17-20 m); Females: 35-45 ft (11-14 m)

Adult Weight: Males: 80,000-100,000 lb (36,287-45,359 kg); Females: 28,000-36,000 lb (12,700-16,329 kg)

Coloration: Varies from dark gray to light brown; The area directly surrounding the mouth is white, and white blotches are often seen on the underside

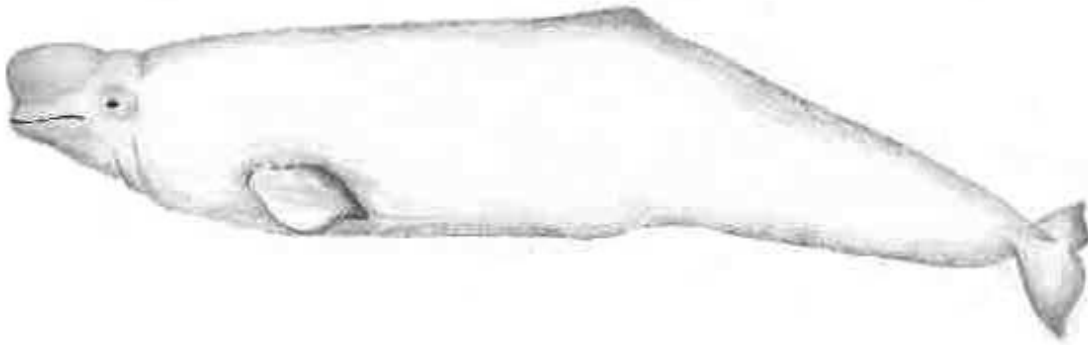
Distribution: Ice-free waters throughout the world

Life Span: 60-70 years

Diet: Squid, sharks, and bony fish

Other: Cone-shaped teeth on the lower jaw only; The skin is wrinkly and prunelike

Beluga



Adult Length: Males: 11.2-15.1 ft (3.4-4.6 m); Females: 9.8-13.1 ft (3-4 m)

Adult Weight: Males: 2,400-3,500 lb (1,100-1,600 kg); Females: 1,500-2,600 lb (700-1,200 kg)

Coloration: Adults are white, sometimes with a yellowish cast, while juveniles are gray

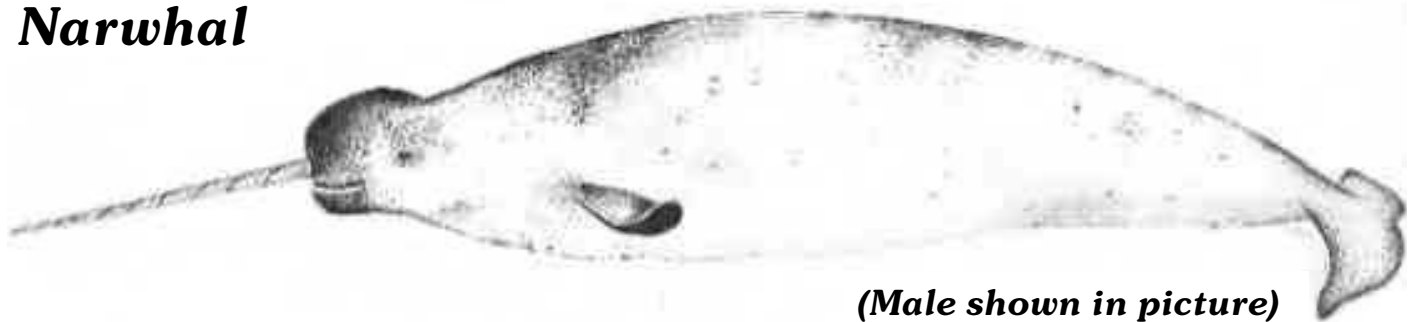
Distribution: Arctic and subarctic waters

Life Span: 25-30 years

Diet: Widely varied, including fish, squid, octopus, crustaceans, and marine worms

Other: Cone-shaped teeth; A Beluga can change the shape of the melon, and the neck is very flexible

Narwhal



(Male shown in picture)

Adult Length: Males: 15-15.5 ft (4.5-4.7 m); Females: 12.5-14 ft (3.8-4.3 m)

Adult Weight: Males: 3,000-3,500 lb (1,360-1,588 kg); Females: 1,800-2,200 lb (816-998 kg)

Coloration: Adults are white with black spots on back and upper sides; Newborn calves are gray and juveniles are black

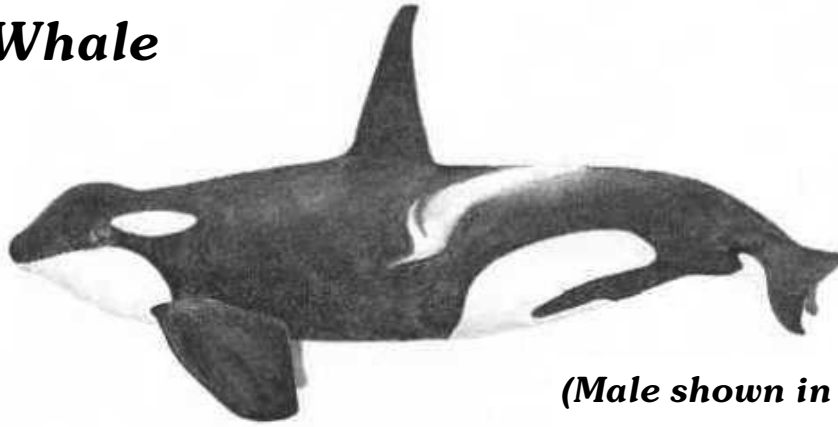
Distribution: Arctic and subarctic waters

Life Span: 25 years

Diet: Arctic cod, squid, shrimp, halibut and other fish

Other: Females are usually toothless; Males have two teeth on the upper jaw, and the left tooth will typically erupt past the lip at two to three years old; This tusk can grow to be 9 ft (2.7 m) and more than 22 lbs (10 kg)

Killer Whale



(Male shown in picture)

Adult Length: Males: 19-22 ft (5.8-6.7 m); Females: 16-19 ft (4.9-5.8 m)

Adult Weight: Males: 8,000-12,000 lb (3,628-5,442 kg); Females: 3,000-8,000 lb (1,361-3,628 kg)

Coloration: Black body with white underside, white patches on the sides, and white saddle

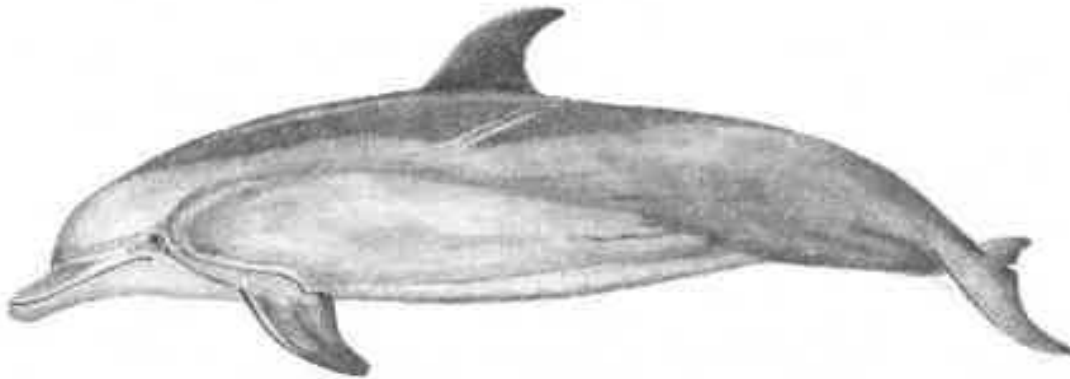
Distribution: Global, particularly in the polar regions

Life Span: Males: 50-60 years; Females: 80-90 years

Diet: Vary by region, but include fish, squid, and marine mammals

Other: Male dorsal fin stands straight up, while the dorsal fins of females and juveniles curve over; Cone-shaped teeth

Common Bottlenose Dolphin



Adult Length: 8-12 ft (2.4-3.7 m)

Adult Weight: 400-1,000 lb (181-454 kg)

Coloration: Dark gray on the top side and lighter gray on the underside

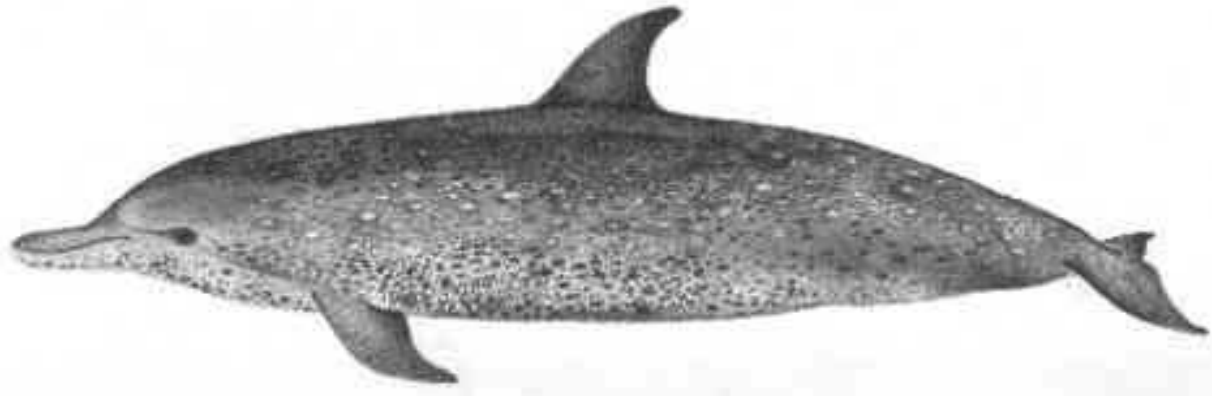
Distribution: Cold temperate to tropical seas worldwide

Life Span: 50 years

Diet: Large variety, including fish, squid, and other invertebrates

Other: Cone-shaped teeth; Very active and agile; Pacific bottlenose are larger than Atlantic bottlenose dolphins

Atlantic Spotted Dolphin



Adult Length: 7.2-8.2 ft (2.2-2.5 m)

Adult Weight: 220-310 lb (100-140 kg)

Coloration: Dark gray back, lighter sides, and white belly; Dark spots are present on the light belly, while light spots are visible on the darker sides and back

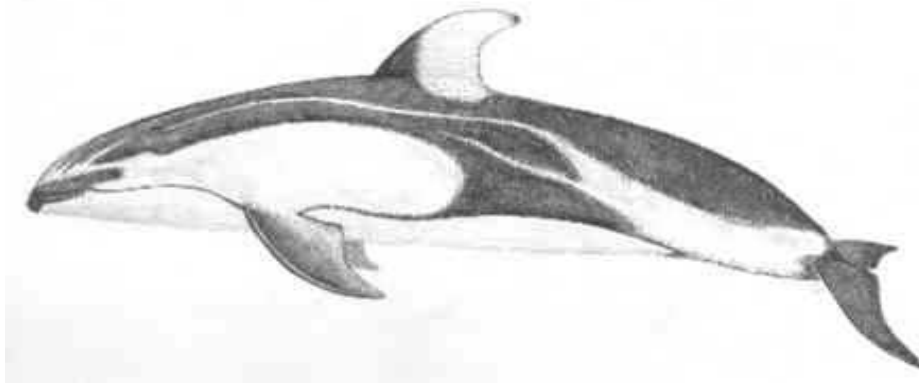
Distribution: Warm temperate, subtropical, and tropical waters in the Atlantic Ocean

Life Span: Unavailable

Diet: Small fish, squid, octopus, and other invertebrates

Other: Calves are born without spots and develop them as they age; Cone-shaped teeth

Pacific White-sided Dolphin



Adult Length: Males: 8-8.5 ft (2.4-2.6 m); Females: 7.5-8 ft (2.2-2.4 m)

Adult Weight: Males: 400-440 lb (181-200 kg); Females: 300-330 lb (136-150 kg)

Coloration: Dark gray top and sides with light gray patches and stripes on the sides and a gray patch on the dorsal fin; The belly is white and the lips are black

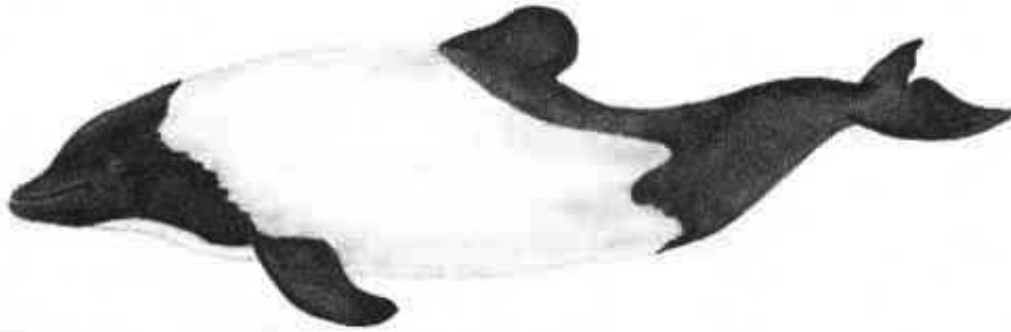
Distribution: Deep temperate waters of the Pacific Ocean

Life Span: More than 40 years

Diet: Small schooling fish and squid

Other: Commonly leap out of the water while swimming; Cone-shaped teeth

Commerson's Dolphin



Adult Length: 3.9-5.6 ft (1.2-1.7 m)

Adult Weight: 77-132 lb (35-60 kg)

Coloration: Black head, flippers, dorsal fin, peduncle and tail; The remainder of the body is white or light gray

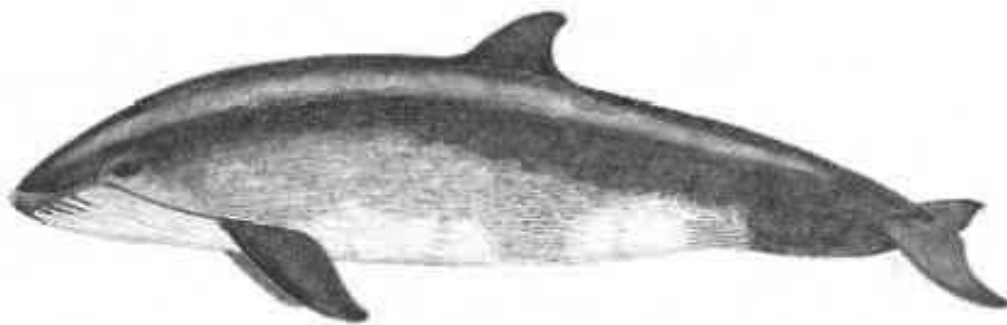
Distribution: The tip of southern South America and the Kerguelen Island of the Indian Ocean

Life Span: At least 18 years

Diet: Small fish, mysid shrimp, squid, octopus, marine worms, and even algae

Other: Known for their high-speed swimming; Cone-shaped teeth;

Harbor Porpoise



Adult Length: 4.5-5.5 ft (1.4-1.7 m)

Adult Weight: 130-160 lb (59-73 kg)

Coloration: Grey back and lighter sides and belly; Dark chin patch, eye ring, and dark stripe from mouth to flippers

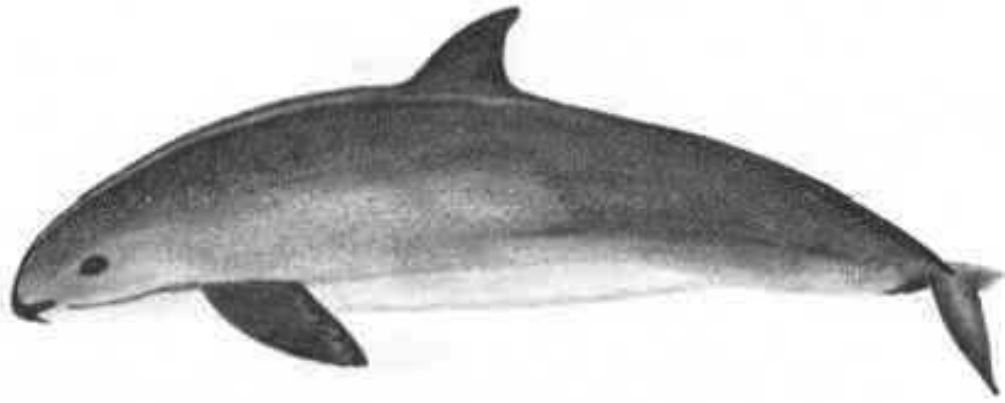
Distribution: Cold temperate and subarctic coastal waters of the Northern Hemisphere

Life Span: 24 years

Diet: Schooling fish (herring, capelin, sprat, etc.), squid and octopus

Other: Females are slightly larger than males; Spade-shaped teeth

Vaquita



Adult Length: 4.5-5 ft (1.3-1.5 m)

Adult Weight: 90-120 lb (41-54 kg)

Coloration: Dark gray top side and lighter gray underside; Dark eye patch and dark stripe from the mouth to the front of the flipper

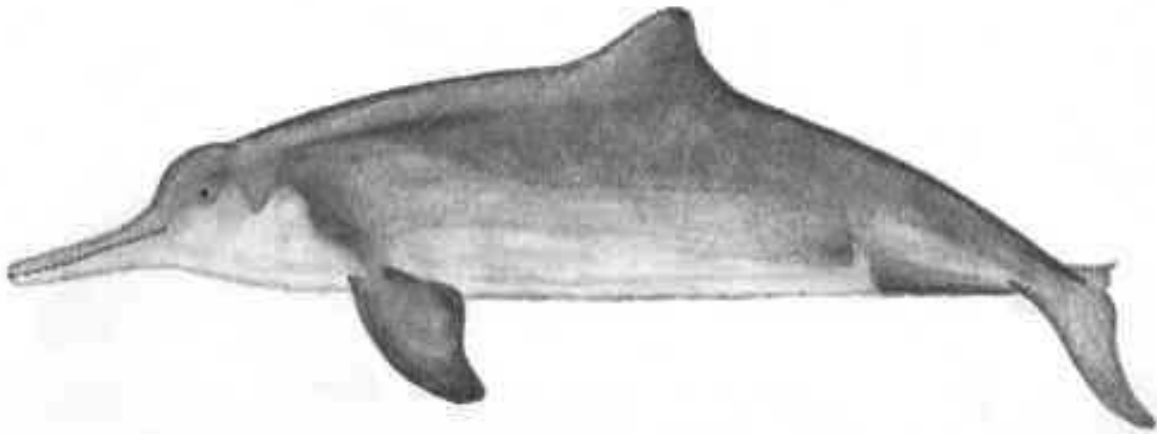
Distribution: The extreme northern corner of the Gulf of California

Life Span: At least 21 years

Diet: Small fish and squid

Other: Spade-shaped teeth

Yangtze River Dolphin



Adult Length: Males: 7-7.5 ft (2.1-2.3 m); Females: 8-8.5 ft (2.4-2.6 m)

Adult Weight: Males: 220-290 lb (99-132 kg); Females: 350-370 lb (159-168 kg)

Coloration: Light bluish-gray top side and white underside

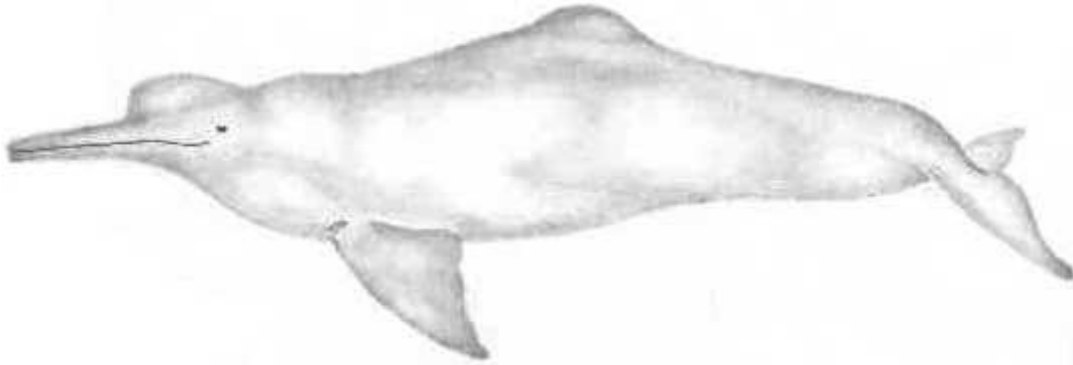
Distribution: China's Yangtze River

Life Span: Unavailable

Diet: Small fish

Other: Cone-shaped teeth; Blow sounds like a high-pitched sneeze

Amazon River Dolphin



Adult Length: Males: 7-8 ft (2.1-2.4 m); Females: 6.5-7 ft (1.9-2.1 m)

Adult Weight: Males: 350-400 lb (159-180 kg); Females: 200-260 lb (90-118 kg)

Coloration: Bluish gray to bright pink

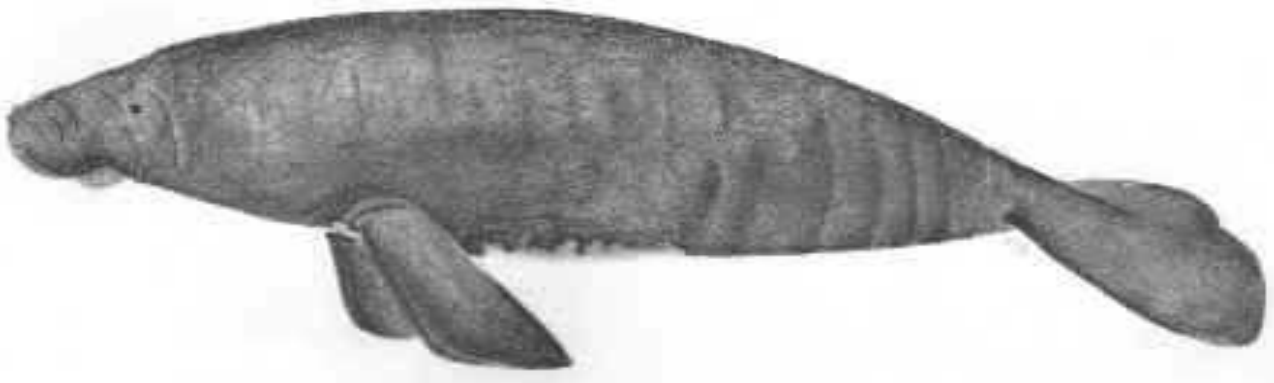
Distribution: Rivers and tributaries in South America's Amazon and Orinoco basins

Life Span: Males: 36 years; Females: At least 21 years

Diet: Over 50 species of fish and occasionally mollusks, crustaceans, and small turtles

Other: Sometimes have extensive creases around the neck; Cone-shaped front teeth and molar-like back teeth

Amazonian Manatee



Adult Length: 7-9 ft (2.1-2.7 m)

Adult Weight: 900-1,100 lb (408-499 kg)

Coloration: Dark gray to black with a distinct white or pink patch on the underside

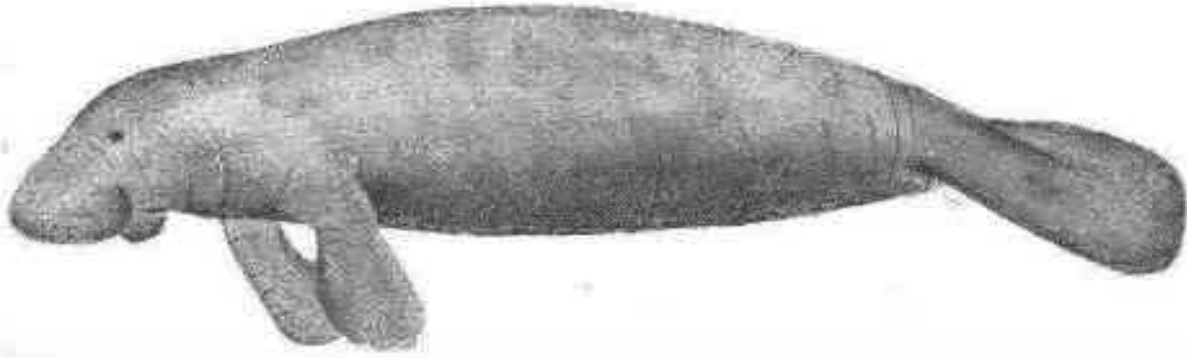
Distribution: Rivers and tributaries in South America's Amazon River basin

Life Span: 60-70 years

Diet: Aquatic and semi-aquatic plants

Other: Very smooth skin; No nails on front flippers

West Indian Manatee



Adult Length: 3-4 ft (1-1.2 m)

Adult Weight: 800-1,200 lb (362-545 kg)

Coloration: Body is brownish to gray with sparse hairs

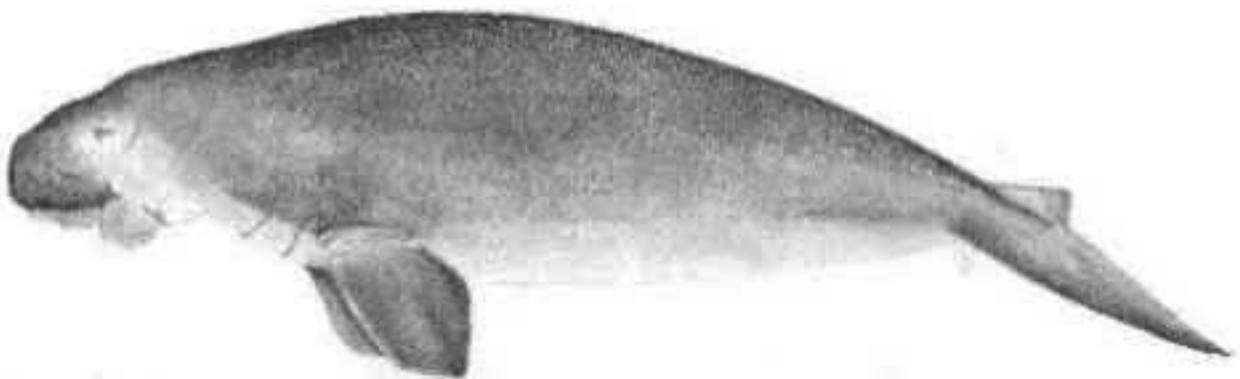
Distribution: Coastal areas along the Western Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico from Rhode Island to Brazil

Life Span: 60-70 year

Diet: Aquatic and semi-aquatic vegetation

Other: Females are slightly larger than males; Nails on front flippers

Dugong



Adult Length: 11-13 ft (3.4-4 m)

Adult Weight: 2,000-2,200 lb (907-998 kg)

Coloration: Smooth brownish to dark gray skin

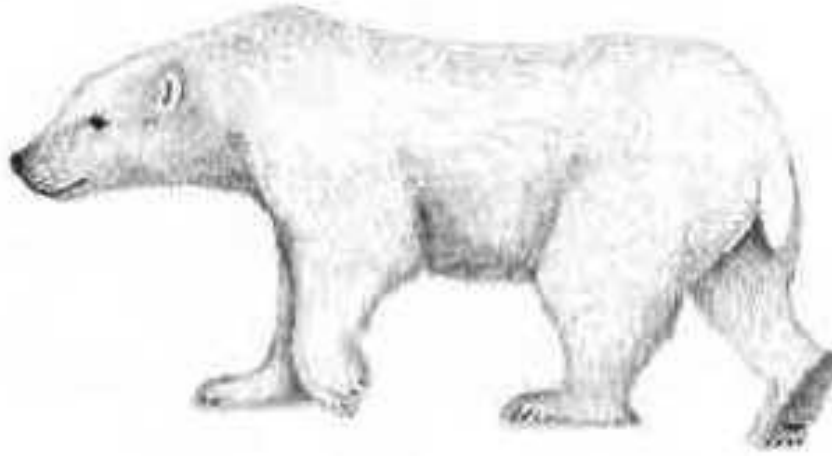
Distribution: Coastal areas along the western Pacific and Indian Oceans

Life Span: 73 years (maximum recorded)

Diet: Seagrasses, leaves, and roots

Other: Fluked tail; Males have small tusks

Polar Bear



Adult Length: Males: 7'10"-8'6" (2.4-2.6 m); Females: 6'3"-6'11" (1.9-2.1 m)

Adult Weight: Males: 900-1,300 lb (400-600 kg); Females: 450-650 lb (200-300 kg)

Coloration: Fur appears white or yellowish, and the footpads, nose and lips are black

Distribution: Coastal areas and islands of the Arctic

Life Span: 30-32 years

Diet: Ringed seals and bearded seals; Sometimes belugas, narwhals, hooded seals, harp seals

Other: Mostly solitary, polar bears will migrate between 1,200 and 2,500 miles across the ice and sometimes swim up to 60 miles in the open water.

Sea Otter



Adult Length: 4-5 ft (1.2-1.5m)

Adult Weight: Males: 65-99 lb (30-45 kg); Females: 45-73 lb (20-33 kg)

Coloration: Dense undercoat of dark brown to reddish-brown fur; lighter brown or blond guard hairs

Distribution: Coastal waters of the North Pacific, including the west coasts of the US and Canada as well as the Aleutian Islands and down to Japan

Life Span: Males: 10-15 years; Females: 15-20 years

Diet: Lobsters, sea urchins, and crabs

Other: While in the water, sea lions spend much of their time on their backs