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Amazon River Dolphin

Inia geoffrensis

The boto is the largest river dolphin, up to 2.5 m and 185 kg, and it is built for a forest rather than for open water. Its neck vertebrae are unfused, so it can turn its head roughly 90 degrees — us…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Iniidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and flooded forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 15-30 years
Weight: 85-185 kg
Scientific name: Inia geoffrensis

Did you know?

- Despite living in murky river waters, Amazon River Dolphins have excellent eyesight above and below the water surface.
- Amazonian folklore holds that the boto transforms at night into a handsome man in a white hat who seduces village women, a story that historically pr…

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