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Amazonian Manatee

Trichechus inunguis

The Amazonian manatee is a fully aquatic mammal endemic to the freshwater river systems of the Amazon Basin. It is the smallest of all manatee species and is uniquely adapted to life in freshwater, w...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Trichechidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers, lakes, and flooded forests of the Amazon Basin

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 30–40 years

Weight: 200–350 kg

Scientific name: *Trichechus inunguis*

Did you know?

- The Amazonian manatee is the only manatee species that has never been found in saltwater environments.
- Amazonian manatees can go without food for months during the dry season by relying on fat reserves. Unlike other manatees, they are exclusively found...

What I learned
