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Amazonian Manatee

Trichechus inunguis

The Amazonian manatee is the only sirenian that lives exclusively in fresh water, never entering the sea, and it is the smallest and slimmest of the manatees. Its scientific name, Trichechus inunguis…

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 have almost no blubber and cannot survive cold water, which confines them to the warm Amazon basin. An adult eats up to about 8 pe…

What I learned

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