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Animal Fact Sheet

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Bowhead Whale

Balaena mysticetus

The bowhead whale is the longest-lived mammal on Earth. Stone and ivory harpoon points from the nineteenth century have been recovered from the blubber of living animals, and chemical dating of the l…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Balaenidae
Habitat: Arctic Ocean and subarctic seas
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 100-200 years
Weight: 75,000–100,000 kg (165,000–220,000 lbs)
Scientific name: Balaena mysticetus

Did you know?

- Bowhead Whales are among the few mammals known to live over 200 years, with some confirmed individuals estimated at more than 211 years old.
- It is the longest-lived mammal known — harpoon points from the 1800s have been pulled from living whales, and some are estimated at over two hundred …

What I learned

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