

Animal Fact Sheet

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Bowhead Whale

Balaena mysticetus

The Bowhead Whale is a massive baleen whale native to Arctic and sub-Arctic regions. Distinguished by its enormous, bow-shaped head, which makes up about one-third of its body length, the Bowhead is ...

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.
- Bowhead Whales can break through ice over half a meter thick with their heads. They have the largest mouth of any animal and can produce a diverse ar...

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