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Common Minke Whale

Balaenoptera acutorostrata

The Common Minke Whale is the smallest and most widespread member of the rorqual family, found in oceans throughout the Northern Hemisphere. Characterized by its streamlined body, pointed snout, and ...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Balaenopteridae

Habitat: Ocean

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 30-50 years

Weight: 4,500-9,100 kg

Scientific name: Balaenoptera acutorostrata

Did you know?

- Despite their large size, minke whales can be extremely elusive and are often heard rather than seen, thanks to their low, inconspicuous blows.
- Minke whales are known for their curiosity, often approaching boats more closely than other large whales. They can swim at speeds up to 30 km/h and a...

What I learned
