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## Dugong

*Dugong dugon*

The dugong is a large, fully aquatic marine mammal known for its gentle demeanor and distinctive fusiform body shape. Sometimes called a 'sea cow,' it grazes on seagrass meadows in warm coastal water...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Dugongidae

**Habitat:** Shallow coastal marine waters with seagrass beds

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Vulnerable

**Lifespan:** 50–70 years

**Weight:** 230–500 kg

**Scientific name:** *Dugong dugon*

### Did you know?

- Dugongs are believed to be the origin of ancient sailor legends about mermaids due to their human-like features when seen from a distance.
- Dugongs are the only strictly marine herbivorous mammals. They communicate using chirps, whistles, and barks underwater. Despite their size, dugongs ...

### What I learned

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