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Animal Fact Sheet

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Harbor Porpoise

Phocoena phocoena

Phocoena phocoena is small, blunt-headed and undemonstrative - it has no beak, a low triangular fin, and it rarely leaps or bow-rides, so it is easily missed even in busy coastal water. Its most rema…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Phocoenidae
Habitat: Coastal and temperate ocean waters
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-12 years
Weight: 45–65 kg
Scientific name: Phocoena phocoena

Did you know?

- Despite their name, harbor porpoises are often found far from actual harbors and can even occur in brackish or freshwater rivers.
- Harbour porpoise clicks are so stereotyped that automated acoustic loggers can survey populations without ever seeing an animal. Gillnet bycatch is t…

What I learned

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