

Animal Fact Sheet

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Harbor Porpoise

Phocoena phocoena

The harbor porpoise is a small, robust cetacean that frequents the cool coastal waters of the Northern Hemisphere. Recognized by its short, blunt snout and triangular dorsal fin, it is one of the sma...

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.
- Harbor porpoises are among the most widely distributed small cetaceans, yet they are rarely seen due to their secretive and inconspicuous behavior. U...

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