

Animal Fact Sheet

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Harbor Seal

Phoca vitulina

The harbor seal is a medium-sized pinniped widely distributed along temperate and Arctic coastlines of the Northern Hemisphere. Recognized by its spotted gray, silver, or brown fur and large, express...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal**Family:** Phocidae**Habitat:** Coastal waters, estuaries, and sheltered bays**Diet:** Carnivore**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 25-35 years**Weight:** 55-170 kg**Scientific name:** *Phoca vitulina*

Did you know?

- Despite their clumsy appearance on land, harbor seals are incredibly agile swimmers, reaching speeds up to 19 km/h underwater.
- Harbor seals can sleep underwater, surfacing automatically to breathe without waking. Their whiskers, called vibrissae, are extremely sensitive and h...

What I learned
