

Animal Fact Sheet

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Hooded Seal

Cystophora cristata

The Hooded Seal is a large, striking seal native to the cold waters of the North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. Named for the inflatable, hood-like nasal sac found in adult males, this unique structure ...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Phocidae

Habitat: Arctic and subarctic oceanic pack ice

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 25-35 years

Weight: 170–450 kg

Scientific name: *Cystophora cristata*

Did you know?

- Hooded seal pups are weaned after just 3–5 days, the shortest lactation period of any mammal.
- Male hooded seals have a unique nasal sac that they inflate into a balloon-like hood over their heads, which can also produce loud sounds. Their pups...

What I learned
