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Irrawaddy Dolphin

Orcaella brevirostris

Orcaella brevirostris is a round-headed, beakless, oddly gentle-looking dolphin of coastal waters and three great rivers - the Mekong, the Irrawaddy and the Mahakam - and it is one of very few wild a…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Delphinidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, coastal waters, and estuaries
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 30–40 years
Weight: 90–200 kg
Scientific name: Orcaella brevirostris

Did you know?

- Irrawaddy dolphins have a unique partnership with some local fishermen in Myanmar, where the dolphins help herd fish into nets in exchange for a shar…
- The dolphin-and-fisherman partnership on the Irrawaddy is one of only a handful of human-wildlife cooperative hunting systems documented anywhere, al…

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