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Animal Fact Sheet

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La Plata Dolphin

Pontoporia blainvillei

The La Plata dolphin, also known as the franciscana, is a small species of river dolphin native to the coastal Atlantic waters and estuaries of southeastern South America. Characterized by its except…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Pontoporiidae
Habitat: Coastal waters, estuaries, and rivers of southeastern South America
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 30-50 kg
Scientific name: Pontoporia blainvillei

Did you know?

- Despite being called a river dolphin, the La Plata dolphin is the only river dolphin species that lives in the ocean as well as rivers.
- The La Plata dolphin has the longest beak relative to its body size of any cetacean, comprising up to 15% of its total length. It is unique among riv…

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