

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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