

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Leopard Seal

*Hydrurga leptonyx*

The leopard seal is a large, muscular seal native to the cold waters surrounding Antarctica. It is easily recognized by its long, slender body, large head, and distinctive reptilian-like spotted coat...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Phocidae

**Habitat:** Antarctic and sub-Antarctic coastal waters and pack ice

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 12-26 years

**Weight:** 200–600 kg (440–1,320 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Hydrurga leptonyx*

### Did you know?

- Leopard seals can open their jaws almost 160 degrees, allowing them to capture large and agile prey with ease.
- Leopard seals are the only species of seal known to regularly hunt warm-blooded prey, including penguins and other seals. They have a unique, eerie v...

### What I learned

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