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Animal Fact Sheet

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Leopard Seal

Hydrurga leptonyx

Hydrurga leptonyx is the only seal that habitually eats warm-blooded prey, and its skull shows it: a huge gape, a long reptilian head and canines up to 2.5 cm. But the same jaw contains one of the mo…

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 seal songs are individually distinctive and rigidly patterned, and each male sings the same sequence night after night, more like a bird's so…

What I learned

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