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Animal Fact Sheet

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Narwhal

Monodon monoceros

The narwhal (Monodon monoceros) is a distinctive Arctic cetacean, recognized primarily for the impressive spiral tusk that males exhibit. This tusk, which can reach lengths of up to 3 meters, is a mo…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Monodontidae
Habitat: Arctic Ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 30-50 years
Weight: 800–1,600 kg
Scientific name: Monodon monoceros

Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating tusks, narwhals have no functional teeth in their mouths and swallow prey whole.
- The narwhal's tusk is filled with sensitive nerve endings, allowing it to detect subtle changes in its environment, such as shifts in water temperatu…

What I learned

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