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Animal Fact Sheet

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Ribbon Seal

Histriophoca fasciata

The ribbon seal is a striking marine mammal known for its unique black fur adorned with broad, white ribbon-like bands encircling its body and face. This species is native to the frigid waters of the…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Phocidae
Habitat: Sea ice and open ocean in the North Pacific and Arctic Oceans
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 20-30 years
Weight: 70-110 kg
Scientific name: Histriophoca fasciata

Did you know?

- Ribbon seals possess an air sac that extends from their trachea, which may help them produce distinctive vocalizations underwater.
- Ribbon seals are the only living species in their genus, and adults can be identified instantly by their bold patterns. Unlike many other Arctic seal…

What I learned

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