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Animal Fact Sheet

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Sea Otter

Enhydra lutris

The sea otter (Enhydra lutris) is a marine mammal native to the coastal regions of the northern and eastern North Pacific Ocean. Notably, it is one of the few marine mammals capable of using tools, e…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Mustelidae
Habitat: Coastal kelp forests and rocky shores
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 10–20 years
Weight: 14–45 kg (31–99 lbs)
Scientific name: Enhydra lutris

Did you know?

- Sea otters have the densest fur of any animal, with as many as one million hairs per square inch.
- Sea otters have a unique adaptation allowing them to close their nostrils and ears when submerged, which aids in their aquatic lifestyle. Despite the…

What I learned

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