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Southern Elephant Seal

Mirounga leonina

The southern elephant seal (Mirounga leonina) is the largest carnivoran that has ever lived, and it holds the record for the most extreme sexual size dimorphism of any mammal: a beachmaster bull can …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Phocidae
Habitat: Subantarctic and Antarctic islands and surrounding ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 14-22 years
Weight: Females: 400–900 kg, Males: 2,200–4,000 kg
Scientific name: Mirounga leonina

Did you know?

- Southern Elephant Seals spend about 90% of their lives underwater, often diving continuously for weeks at a time.
- A big bull can weigh eight times as much as a female, the widest sex difference of any mammal. Elephant seals spend about 90 per cent of their lives …

What I learned

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