

Animal Fact Sheet

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Southern Elephant Seal

Mirounga leonina

The Southern Elephant Seal is the largest species of seal and the largest marine mammal that is not a cetacean. Males can be up to five times heavier than females and are distinguished by their large...

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.
- Male Southern Elephant Seals can weigh up to 4 metric tons, making them the largest pinnipeds in the world. They can hold their breath for up to two ...

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