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Animal Fact Sheet

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Southern Right Whale Dolphin

Lissodelphis peronii

The Southern Right Whale Dolphin is a striking, streamlined marine mammal known for its lack of a dorsal fin and stark black-and-white coloration. These dolphins inhabit the cool temperate waters of …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Delphinidae
Habitat: Open ocean (pelagic zone) of the Southern Hemisphere
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-25 years
Weight: 60-100 kg
Scientific name: Lissodelphis peronii

Did you know?

- Despite their name, Southern Right Whale Dolphins are not closely related to right whales; their name comes from their similar black-and-white colora…
- Southern Right Whale Dolphins are one of only two dolphin species without a dorsal fin. They are known for their synchronized swimming behaviors and …

What I learned

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