

Animal Fact Sheet

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Steller's Sea Cow

Hydrodamalis gigas

Steller's Sea Cow was a massive, herbivorous marine mammal that once inhabited the cold waters of the North Pacific around the Commander Islands. First described by German naturalist Georg Wilhelm St...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Dugongidae

Habitat: Coastal marine waters, particularly around kelp forests

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Extinct

Lifespan: Unknown (estimated up to 30 years)

Weight: 8,000–10,000 kg

Scientific name: *Hydrodamalis gigas*

Did you know?

- Steller's Sea Cow went extinct less than three decades after it was first discovered, making it one of the fastest documented extinctions of a large ...
- Steller's Sea Cows were so buoyant they could not fully submerge and spent their lives floating at the surface. They formed close-knit social groups ...

What I learned
