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Animal Fact Sheet

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Vaquita

Phocoena sinus

The vaquita (Phocoena sinus) is the smallest cetacean, around 1.5 metres long, and it has the smallest range of any marine mammal, confined to a patch of the northern Gulf of California only a few th…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Phocoenidae
Habitat: Shallow coastal waters
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 15-21 years
Weight: 30-55 kg
Scientific name: Phocoena sinus

Did you know?

- There are estimated to be fewer than 10 vaquitas left in the wild as of 2024, making them perilously close to extinction.
- The vaquita's entire world range is a corner of one gulf, the smallest range of any marine mammal. It has dark rings around the eyes and dark lips th…

What I learned

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