

Animal Fact Sheet

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Vaquita

Phocoena sinus

The vaquita is the world's smallest and most endangered marine mammal, endemic to the northern part of the Gulf of California in Mexico. It has a distinct appearance, with a dark ring around each eye...

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.
- Vaquitas are the rarest marine mammals in the world and were only discovered in 1958. They use echolocation clicks to navigate and hunt in their turb...

What I learned
