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Animal Fact Sheet

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Walrus

Odobenus rosmarus

The walrus (Odobenus rosmarus) is a notable pinniped marine mammal distinguished by its substantial size and iconic tusks. Found in the Arctic Ocean and adjacent subarctic seas, walruses exhibit a pa…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Odobenidae
Habitat: Arctic and sub-Arctic coastal regions and sea ice
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 20-40 years
Weight: 600-1,700 kg
Scientific name: Odobenus rosmarus

Did you know?

- Despite their size and tusks, walruses mainly feed on small, soft-bodied invertebrates, especially clams and other mollusks.
- Walruses can slow their heart rate to about four beats per minute during dives to conserve oxygen, an adaptation known as bradycardia. Unlike most pi…

What I learned

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