

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Walrus

*Odobenus rosmarus*

The walrus is a large marine mammal known for its distinctive long tusks, whiskers, and massive, blubbery body. Found mainly in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions, walruses spend much of their time on sea...

### 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.
- Walrus tusks can grow up to one meter long and are actually elongated canine teeth. Their sensitive whiskers, called vibrissae, help them detect prey...

### What I learned

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