### Manatees

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## Body

They are mammals and weigh 1,000 pounds. They use their flippers to steer and have a paddle shaped tail.are a light gray color and have no hind legs.they they have tiny hairs that covers their body. Strong back teeth.



### Habitat

They live on the equator and live along the coast. They live in warm water and in shallow areas. They also live in rivers and in South America.



## Food

They eat water, plants and grass. They use their upper lip to tear up plants



# Life cycle

Manatees can have only one calf at a time and they can bear their first baby at 3 to 5. Their calves are small adults and reproduce at 9. They can live to 70.



### Fun facts

They are called sea cows and related to elephants. People believed that in some where in life manatees lived on land.

