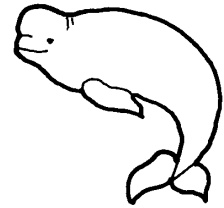


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The Beluga Whale

The beluga whale is an extremely social aquatic mammal that lives in a group called a pod. Even though biologists suspect it is endangered, lack of information keeps the beluga whale from being listed as endangered or threatened.



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☛ Click on the **Scientific Classification** link and answer the following questions.

1. What order does the beluga belong to? _____
What family does the beluga belong to? _____
What is the only other member of this family? _____
What genus does the beluga belong to? _____
2. What are the common names sometimes given to the beluga? _____

☛ Click on **Habitat and Distribution**

3. Which ocean does the beluga mainly live in? Locate the ocean on a globe or in an atlas.

Name a country bordering it. _____

4. Describe the ocean conditions that the beluga whale prefers.

☛ Click on **Physical Characteristics** to find out these quick facts about the beluga.

5. male length: _____ female length: _____
male weight: _____ female weight: _____
body shape: _____ color: _____
head: _____ teeth: _____
ears: _____

☛ Click on **Diet and Eating Habits**

6. The beluga whale has some very unusual eating habits. Describe some of the ways they prey on their food. Include some information on what they eat.

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Otters

Otters are believed to have been on earth for 30 million years and live on every continent except Antarctica and Australia. They are semi-aquatic and are one of the rare mammals that use tools. Swim around the Otternet site for a source of otter fun, facts, and faces.

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☉ Classification

1. How many different species of otters are there? _____

☉ Click on the **Species** link.

2. How many are classified as:
 endangered? _____ vulnerable? _____ low risk? _____

☉ Click on an otter from the species list to learn more information about these fascinating mammals. Make sure your selection has some pictures in the **Picture** link before you start your research.

3. scientific name: _____

common names: _____

continent: _____ size: _____

hair: _____ color: _____

nose: _____ food: _____

population/distribution: _____

4. Click on the **Picture** link.
 Use the pictures and your research information to draw a diagram of an otter. Label the otter to highlight the facts you have learned.



Extra: Explore the **Kids** link at Site 1 and complete the “Otter Matching Game” to see how much you have learned about otters. How many questions did you get correct?
 Read the poem about otters written by students from Nottingham, UK. Use the information you have learned at this site to write and illustrate your own poem.