

# Manatee

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# Diet

- Seagrass
- Mangrove leaves
- Algae



## Habitat

- Shallow warm coastal waters
- warm rivers

This is a picture of manatee habitats.



## fun facts

- Manatees are closely related Elephants.
- When Christopher Columbus sailed across the Pacific Ocean it was said that he saw mermaids but he really saw Manatees!
- The largest Manatee ever seen weighed 1,655 kg and was 15 feet long!
- The Manatee's body covering is a thick tough skin that is very hard to penetrate.
- When resting under water, Manatees can stay submerged for at least 20 minutes before needing to breathe at the surface.
- Manatees will use their flippers to help them eat.

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#### Lookbook: Sea Turtles

Did you know that leatherback sea turtles are the largest species of sea turtles in the world? They are only about thirty-five thousand serving leatherback turtles compared to one hundred and fifteen million serving Atlantic bottlenose turtles. They were first named in Bermuda by Columbus in 1492. They are considered a type of reptile. It exists in a cold blooded animal with scales. The carapace can live on land and in water. They average lifespan in the wild is thirty-five years.

This is the only sea turtle that does not have a shell and big scales. Although it does not have a big scales and a shell, it does have a very big flip. These flip are like paddles to help them swim through the water. The back flippers are like a steering wheel. This sea turtle can be as long as six meters. They can weigh up to one thousand pounds.

They eat a lot of jellyfish and sea squirts. The sea turtles go to the depths of the ocean to see their food. It has been discovered that they like to eat of sea stars as well as leatherback and others.



Manatees!

