

## The Manatee

They are known as sea cows.

Manatees are mammals and they live in the Amazon, and warm seas like Florida and the West Indies. They like cold and warm water.

### Habit

They communicate with sounds and are very gentle and slow. They live up to 50-60 years. Manatees are so large nothing much attacks them. Boats can hurt them.

### What it eats

They live off aquatic plants and eat 11 kg a day. Also they are herbivores. It is very heavy and big. It weighs around 680 kg.

### Appearance

They have whiskers to help feel and touch and have toenails. They have a tail instead of back legs.

### Did you know?

Christopher Columbus, when he sailed to America. He thought he saw 3 mermaids but they were really manatees.