

Amazon Manatee

The Amazon Manatee is one of the few animals with very few natural predators.

Description

The Amazonian Manatee looks like a cross between a seal and a hippo. The Amazonian manatee is dark blue/grey colour with a white belly. It can swim at speeds of 15 miles an hour, but it prefers to swim at 5 miles an hour. The manatees are quite curious and they often bump into people's boats to see what is going on.

Diet

As a herbivore, the amazonian manatee eats aquatic vegetation like grasses, water hyacinths and water lettuce (pistia). It will also eat floating palm fruits. Individuals in captivity are able to eat 9 to 15 kilograms per day of leafy vegetables.

Habitat

You find them in the shallow freshwaters lakes and rivers of the Amazon Rainforest in the north of South America.

