

Amazonian Manatees

Manatees (or sea cows) are calm creatures. It is good that nothing attacks them because they are very slow. They weigh from 440 pounds to 3,500 pounds!

Habitat

These manatees only live in the amazon. During the dry season, it lives in the lagoons of the rainforest but when the wet seasons arrive, it lives in the high waters. Some other manatees live in the warm clear water of the florida creeks.



Appearance

The dark grey manatee has rough, hard, leathery skin and jointed flippers which help it grab food and push through the water. It's whiskers help it feel it's way around. Their top lip is muscly and they have flat molars.

Diet

It is true that manatees can eat 25 pounds of aquatic plants, water lettuce and water hyacinths in a day! They are herbivores and they do not eat meat. They only eat in the wet seasons.



Did you know?

Some people think manatees are related to elephants!