

# The Amazing Vaquita

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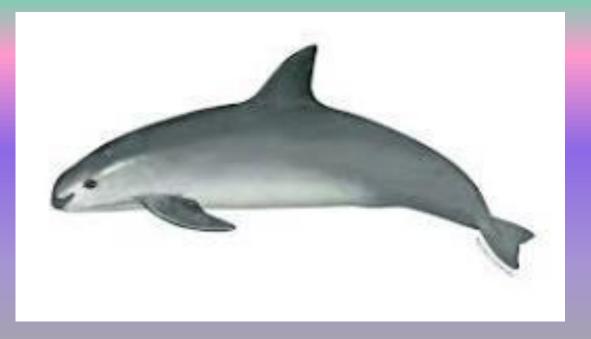
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# Scientific Name and Name.

- Vaquita ( Phoecoena Sinus)
- Family: *Phocoenidae*
- How to say: Va-ki-ta



# Description

- Small, strong bodies with a round head and no beak. They have black patches around their eyes and lips. They also have small spade-like teeth. Vaquitas also have triangle shaped dorsal fins in the middle of their backs, which are taller and wider than in other porpoises.
- Weight: 43 kg
- Length: 150 cm (adult)



#### Habitat

 Vaquitas are only found in the = shallow waters of Northern Gulf of California, Mexico



### Range

 The vaquita has the smallest range of any marine animal. Most vaquitas live east of the town San Felipe, Baja California, within a 1519- square mile area.





San Felipe, home of the elusive vaquita.

#### Diet

#### • Vaquitas feed on small fish, crustaceans, shrimp, squids and octopi.



#### Predators

 The vaquita's main predators are large marine species such as orcas and sharks.



# Young

• Vaquita young have darker skin and a wide gray fringe of colour running throughout their body.



# Lifespan

• At least 21 years. They reach sexual maturity when they are at least 3-6 years old.



### Status

#### • They are critically endangered. There may only be 10 left in the world



### **Special Adaptations**

• They are able to handle 14-26 degrees Celsius temperature. It uses its dorsal fins to do this although it is unknown how.



# Special Info

#### • They are the smallest member of the porpoise family!



# Quiz Time.

Questions. How many vaquitas are left in the world? What is their status? How long to they live? What are their main predators? What do they eat? I'm sure you can answer these!

# The end!!!!

Hope you enjoyed!

