



Humboldt Penguin (*Spheniscus humboldti*)

Size: Body length, 65 - 70 cm **Weight:** 4 - 4.7 kg **Habitat:** Nests on rocky stretches of mainland and island coasts **Surviving number:** Estimated at 2,500 - 10,000 adults



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Water wings. The Humboldt penguin's graceful swimming has been likened to "flying" under water. When foraging for its partner or chicks, this penguin may spend as much as nine hours a day beneath the waves, diving in search of pelagic schooling fish and other prey. During breeding season it returns without fail to the same nesting site, but when people

approach the vicinity its heart rate skyrockets under the stress. Human disturbance, along with fishing-related mortality, are the banes of the penguin's existence.

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