



Florida Manatee (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*)

Size: Body length, 264 - 387 cm **Weight:** 400 - 1,600 kg **Habitat:** Shallow, slow-moving water

Surviving number: Estimated at more than 5,000



Photographed by David Fleetham

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Cold is a killer. The Florida manatee is not built to withstand low temperatures, and survives the winter only by finding warm water refuges such as warm springs or industrial effluents. This aquatic mammal lives in both fresh and salt water, grazing on seagrasses and other vegetation. But as it grazes it often comes into fatal contact with watercraft. It is also susceptible

to pneumonia, a danger that's increasing as warm water sources disappear due to groundwater pumping and the retirement of power plants.

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