



Sea Otter
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Animal name: Sea otter

Scientific Name: *Enhydra lutris*

Type of animal: Mammal

Habitat: Northern Pacific coasts

Size: 4 feet long (1.2 m), 30 - 100 lb (14-45 kg)

Status: Endangered

Facts: Sea otters are one of the 13 species of otters that are found all over the world (except Australia and Antarctica). Sea otters eat different kinds of seafood. They float on their backs and use their chest as a table. Sea otters will often use a rock to crack open a clam if that's what they caught. All otters all have very dense fur: about 1 million hairs per square inch. Compare that to human scalps that have an average of 100 hairs per square inch. Newborn otters float because their dense fur traps so much air. Since they can't swim yet, some sea otter moms wrap their babies with kelp so they don't float away.

