

# Arctic species under threat

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## Walrus or “sea horse”



### Scientific name

*Odobenus rosmarus*



### Status

Listed by IUCN as Vulnerable with some populations more at risk than others. Listed on Appendix III of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora which allows for control of global trade in walrus ivory.

### Impacts

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### Threats

- ✓ Pollution
- ✓ Sea ice loss
- ✓ Loss of food source

- ✓ Commercial fishing
- ✓ Oil & Gas activities
- ✓ Human development
- ✓ Shipping
- ✓ Tourism
- ✓ Climate change

This and other Arctic species are of great importance to the Indigenous People of the Arctic, as a food and materials source, and for cultural practices.

### Did you know that...

...walruses rely on ice sheets to recuperate between dives for food. In 2017, due to the increasing rate of ice melt, an unusual gathering of about 2,000 animals was reported on a single island off the coast of Alaska, resulting in a dramatic stampede.



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