

Vaquita (Phocoena sinus)



Status: **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED**

Save Totoaba to Save the Vaquita

The fate of the totoaba and the fate of the vaquita are connected. They are not predators or prey of each other. However, both hunt near the seafloor. Both animals are caught in nets set for seafood. In addition, vaquita are caught in nets illegally set for totoaba. Both are **critically endangered**.

LENGTH: 4 to 5 feet (1.3 to 1.5 m)

WEIGHT: 99 to 110 lb (5 to 50 kg)

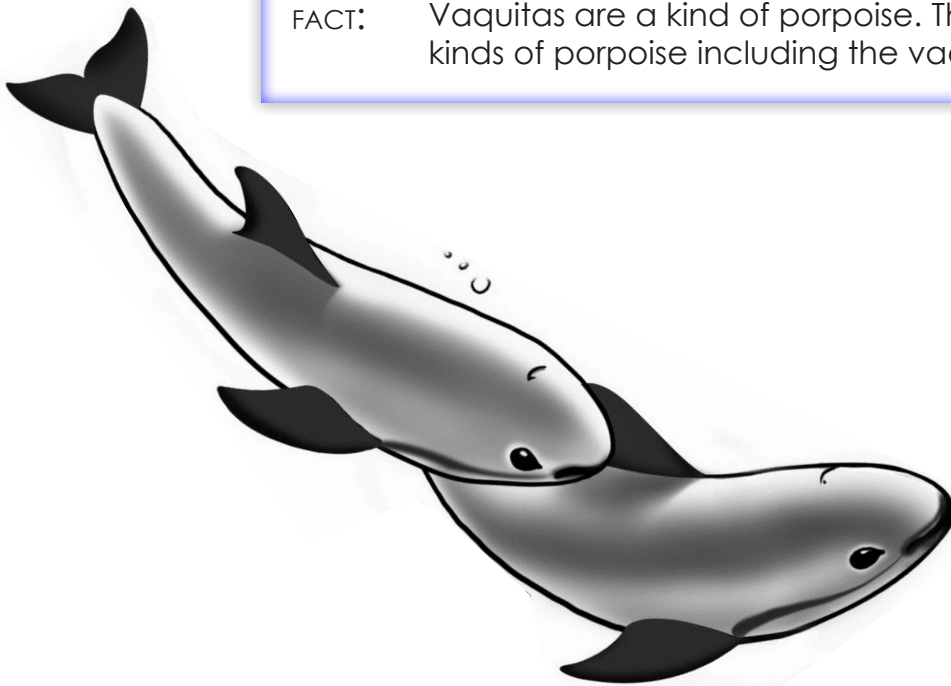
HOME: only in the Gulf of California, Mexico

FOUND: 13-160 feet (4-50 m) deep

DIET: fish, squid, crustaceans

LIFESPAN: 20 years

FACT: Vaquitas are a kind of porpoise. There are seven kinds of porpoise including the vaquita.



Vaquita and totoaba are accidentally caught in nets set for shrimp and other animals. **Help save vaquita and other ocean animals by eating sustainably caught seafood.** Learn more about sustainable seafood in WhaleTimes “What is Sustainable Seafood?” fact sheet.