

Facts about sea animals (Dolphin facts)

1. Dolphins evolved from which animal?

Historically, dolphins' ancestors did not live in water. Their ancestors were land-dwelling mammals belonging to the order [Artiodactyla](#), even-toed ungulates, who had hooves at the end of each foot. Eventually, these animals shifted from the land to an aquatic environment in which to live. [Dolphins](#) evolved from these land-roaming mammals.

2. What is the lifespan of Dolphins?

There is variation in the lifespan of dolphin species; smaller dolphin species have an average lifespan of about 20 years, while large dolphins have a lifespan of about 80 years.

3. Which is the largest species of dolphin?

Among all the species of dolphin, the Orca, or [Killer whale](#), is the largest one. Killer whales are about 32 feet in length and weigh about 10000 kg, and they are black and white. They are found in oceans throughout the world, in both polar and tropical regions.

4. Which is the smallest dolphin species?

[The Hector's Dolphin](#) is the smallest dolphin species. They are about 5.2 feet in length and weigh about 40 to 60 kg, have rounded dorsal fins and are mainly found in shallow and coastal waters of [New Zealand](#).

5. How many species of dolphins are there all over the world?

There are about 40 species of dolphins that are distributed all over the world.

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