

Dugong Dugon

- ✚ The Dugong is one of only four extant species of Sirenia sea cow. It is the only herbivorous mammal that is exclusively dependent on the seagrass habitat.
- ✚ Dugongs grow to a maximum length of 13 feet (4 m) long and weight of 595 pounds (270 kg).
- ✚ Dugongs can live up to 70 years.
- ✚ Dugongs are referred to as sea cows because they use their strong, cleft upper lips to graze on sea grasses they uproot from the seafloor.
- ✚ Dugongs are sirenians and therefore related to manatees. Though they resemble cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises), dugongs and manatees are believed to be descendants of land mammals that make them more closely related to elephants than whales.

