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Meet a baby pink river dolphin

A baby pink river dolphin swims with its mother.

The baby, called a calf, is always gray.

Some calves will turn pink as they get older.

Others will stay gray or turn light gray.

This is because not all pink river dolphins are pink.



mother

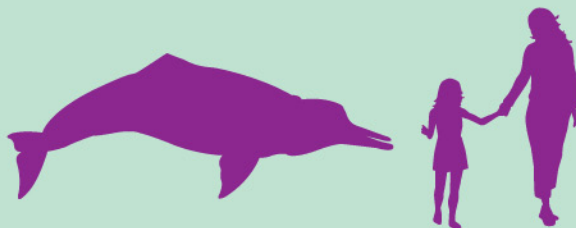
**calf starting
to turn pink**

What is a pink river dolphin?

Although they live in water, all dolphins are **mammals**—not fish.

Pink river dolphins have long, smooth bodies and long **beaks**.

Adult pink river dolphin size



Inside their beaks are long rows of teeth.

The dolphins use their front teeth to hold their food.

They use their back teeth to chew food.



long
beak

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Even though pink river dolphins live in the water, they are mammals—not fish. When a pink river dolphin mother gives birth to her calf underwater, she guides it to the water's surface for its first breath of air. Then, the calf stays with its mother for two years, learning how to search for food. Look inside to discover more about the ways pink river dolphin calves survive in their watery world.

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