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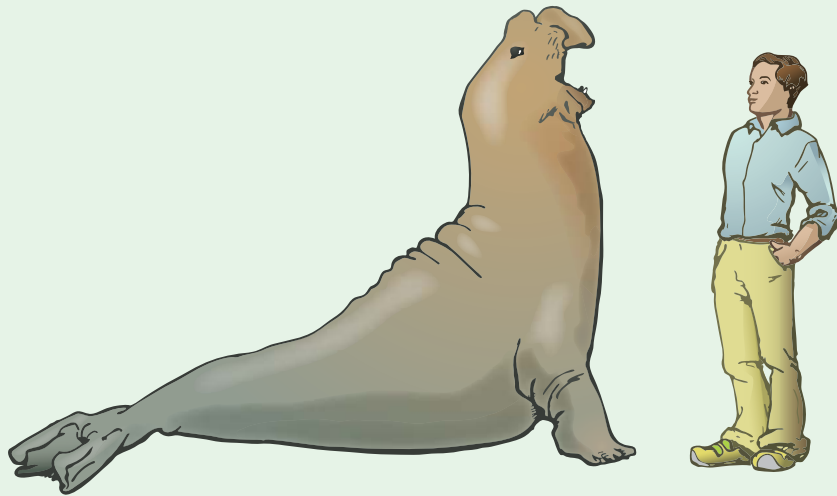


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Big and Heavy

The southern elephant seal is the biggest seal in the world.



With its head raised, an adult male southern elephant seal is taller than an adult human.





Male southern elephant seals can grow to be up to 21 feet (6.4 m) long and weigh more than 8,000 pounds (3,629 kg). Females can grow to be 10 feet (3 m) long and weigh 2,000 pounds (907 kg).

What's in a Name?

Southern elephant seals got their name because the male seals have noses that when filled with air look like elephant trunks.

The seals look like elephants in other ways, too.

Both animals are large.

Also, many of these seals, like elephants, are gray.

Southern elephant seals are also called "sea elephants."

a male
elephant seal's
nose



an
elephant's
trunk





male elephant seal

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The southern elephant seal is not actually an elephant. It's the world's biggest seal. It got its name because a male seal's nose, when filled with air, looks like an elephant's trunk.

Look inside to learn more about the southern elephant seal. Find out where it lives, how it gets around, and how it hunts for food.

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