

Sea Otter

Enhydra lutris

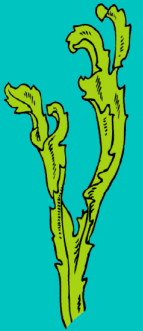
WHERE DO SEA OTTERS LIVE?

Currently, sea otters can be found on the west coast of North America, from Alaska to California, north-eastern Russia, and a few in Japan.



DID YOU KNOW?

To stop themselves floating away at sea, sea otters will **wrap** themselves in **kelp**! They will even hold hands, but only in captivity, not in the wild.



Strong teeth to crush shellfish

Use paws to dislodge clams

Rarely eat fish - whiskers detect prey
Good eyesight to see underwater

Uses stones to crack the shells on its food

Thickest fur of any mammal - 1 million hairs per square inch!

Big webbed feet and powerful tail for quick descent



WHAT DO SEA OTTERS EAT?

Sea otters eat a lot of **crabs**! They also eat **sea urchins**, **clams**, **mussels** and perhaps even an **octopus**. They can drink salt water.



SEA OTTERS ARE **ENDANGERED!**

Disease and lack of food could kill sea otters

Killer whales, bald eagles and white sharks might hunt them.

Humans are also a threat - oil spills, being hunted for fur or being caught in fishing nets can be deadly.

