

New Zealand Fur Seal

Scientific Name: Arctocephalus forsteri



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Distribution: WA, SA, TAS, NSW

EPBC Act Status: Marine

Size: Males: up to 2.5m; 120-180kg

Females: up to 1.5m; 30-50kg

Colour: Males uniformly dark brownish-grey. Females paler on the chest. Fur can appear black when wet.

Key Features: Pointy nose with long whiskers.

Slightly smaller and darker in colour than the Australian fur seal. Small external ears and two layers of fur.

Preferred Habitat:

Coastal waters, off-shore islands and oceans.

Rocky shores with shelter such as boulders or caves; intertidal pools.



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