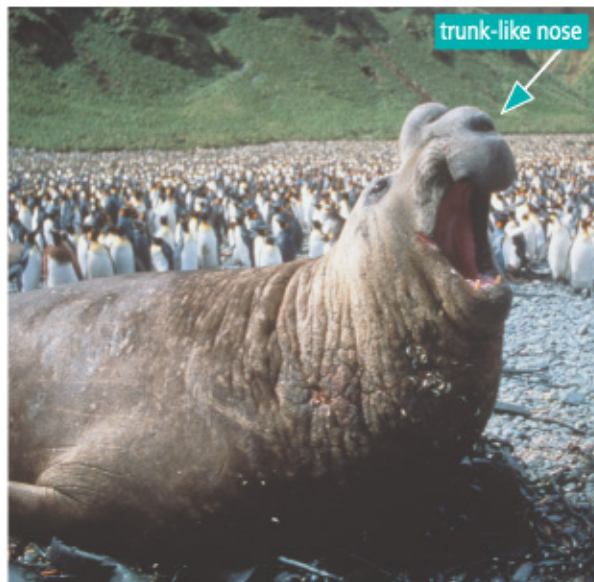


Southern Elephant Seal

Scientific Name: *Mirounga leonina*



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Distribution: Macquarie and Heard Islands, TAS

EPBC Act Status: Vulnerable and Marine

Size: Males: 4.2m-6.2m; 4,000kgs

Females: 2.7m-3.7m; 250-350kgs

Colour: Dark grey to brown with lighter-coloured chests. Dark grey when wet.

Key Features: Square heads and strong front flippers. Males are massive with a trunk-like nose and scarring on neck. Females have large eyes and bulbous nostrils.

Preferred Habitat:

Rocky shores of the Antarctic and Sub-Antarctic islands. Their foraging areas can be several thousands of kilometres away from their breeding islands.

