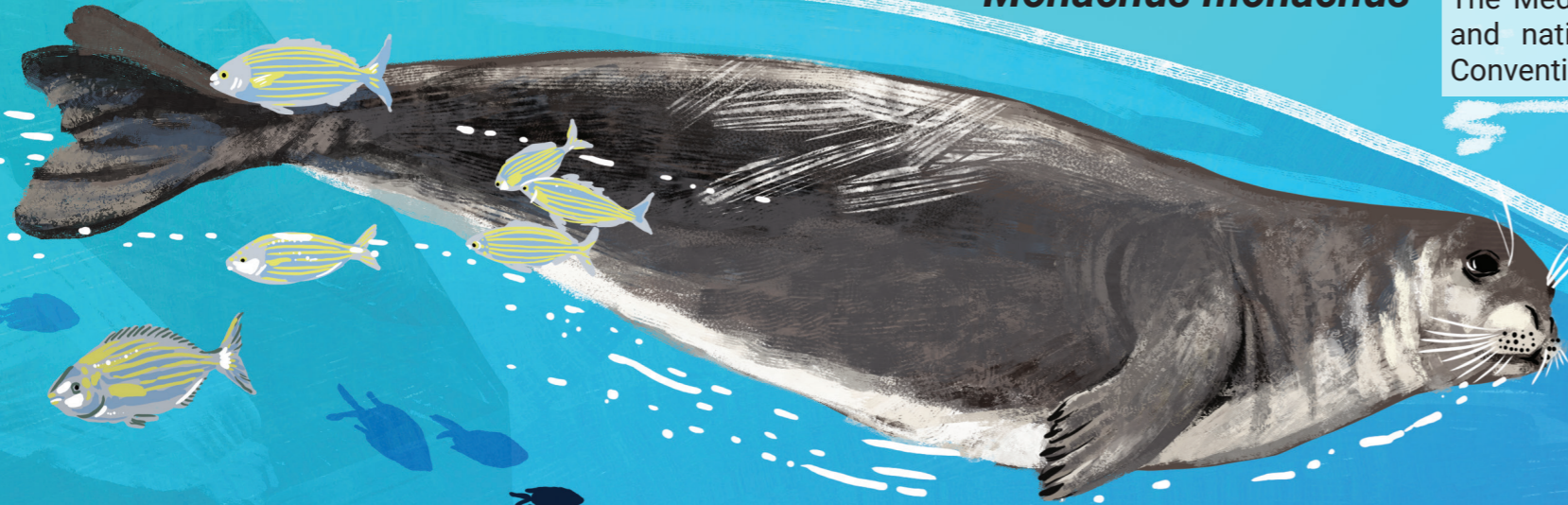


# The Mediterranean Monk Seal

*Monachus monachus*

The Mediterranean monk seal is protected by international and national legal frameworks, including the Barcelona Convention. It is illegal to capture, kill, or disturb these seals.



**CAUTION! VULNERABLE** ACCORDING TO IUCN RED LIST OF THREATENED SPECIES

**IF YOU SEE A MONK SEAL, PLEASE :**

DO NOT APPROACH



NO FEEDING



TURN OFF ENGINE



At sea

KEEP DISTANCE



NO NOISE, NO LIGHT



MOVE AWAY SLOWLY



DO NOT TOUCH



NO PETS



DO NOT CHASE



DO NOT SHARE GEOLOCATION



CHOOSE A DIFFERENT BEACH  
PROTECTIVE MOTHER SEALS MAY BITE



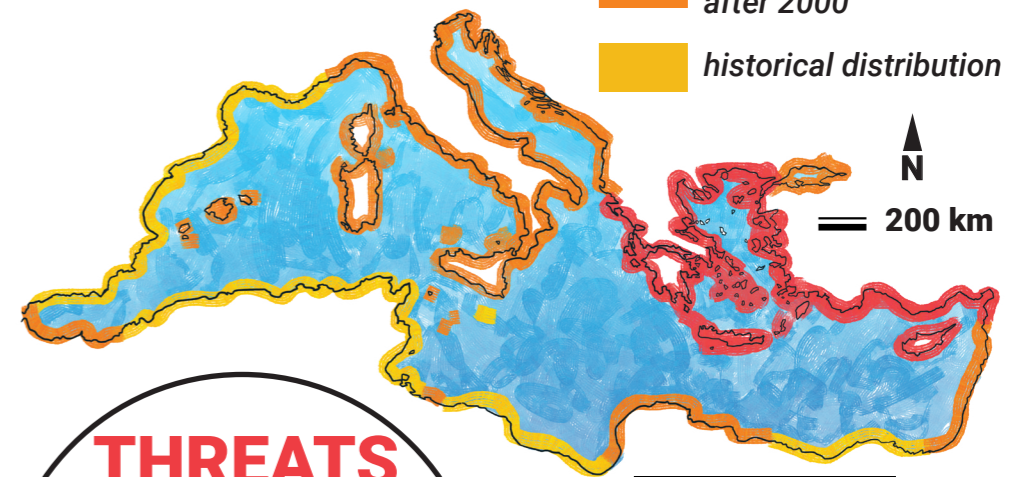
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**Less than 1000 individuals worldwide**

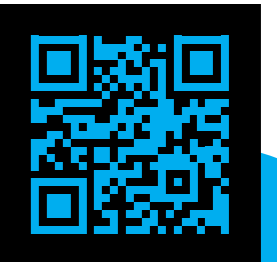
## Where do Monk Seals live?

- current distribution
- observations reported after 2000
- historical distribution



## THREATS

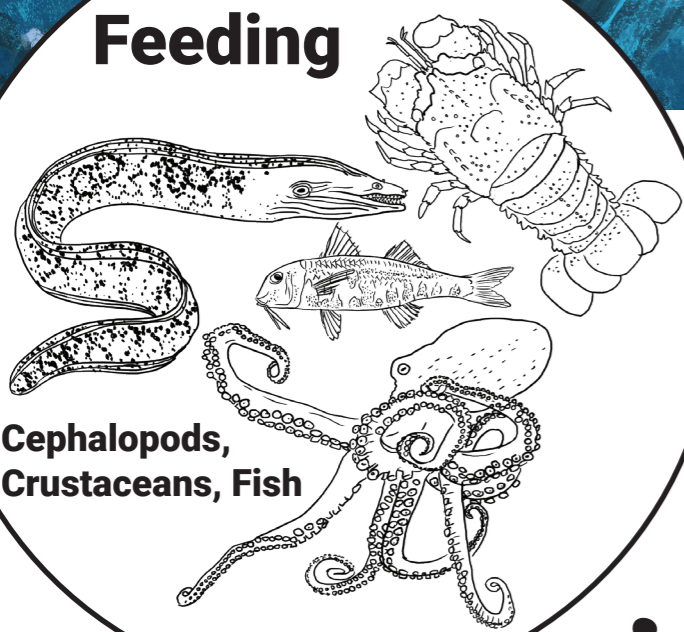
- Illegal fishing
- Boat collision
- Habitat loss
- Deliberate killing
- Overfishing



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Please share the details of the sighting and any picture you have taken of the animal. This will allow us to identify and better monitor the species.

## Feeding



Cephalopods, Crustaceans, Fish

250 - 300 kg  
270 cm max.



Newborn puppy specimen

Adult female specimen

Adult male specimen



Mediterranean Action Plan  
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