

GENTOO PENGUIN

Pygoscelis papua



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Threats

Global warming which effects the Penguins homes. Overfishing is also a threat for these birds, limiting their food source.

Habitat (where they live)

Gentoo penguins are perfectly adapted to living in colder climates such as Antarctica. The largest group of Gentoo Penguins can be found on the Falkland Islands.

Diet (what they eat)

Penguins are very greedy animals, they like to eat different types of fish and at SEA LIFE London Aquarium we hand feed them each day. Each Penguin can eat up to 8 fish a day!

Life Span (how long they live for)

Gentoo Penguins will live for 15- 20 years

Size

Despite being about 30 inches tall, they are the third tallest Penguin, (to the Emperor and King Penguins).



Breeding:

Male and female Penguins have quite a specific mating ritual. The male will collect the smoothest stone he can find to present to the female. If she likes it then he will build her a nest of stones (to keep any eggs off of the cold floor) and they will mate. In some species of Penguin they will mate for life.

We have 19 Gentoo Penguins at SEA LIFE London Aquarium. They are the animal which eats the most in the aquarium!

