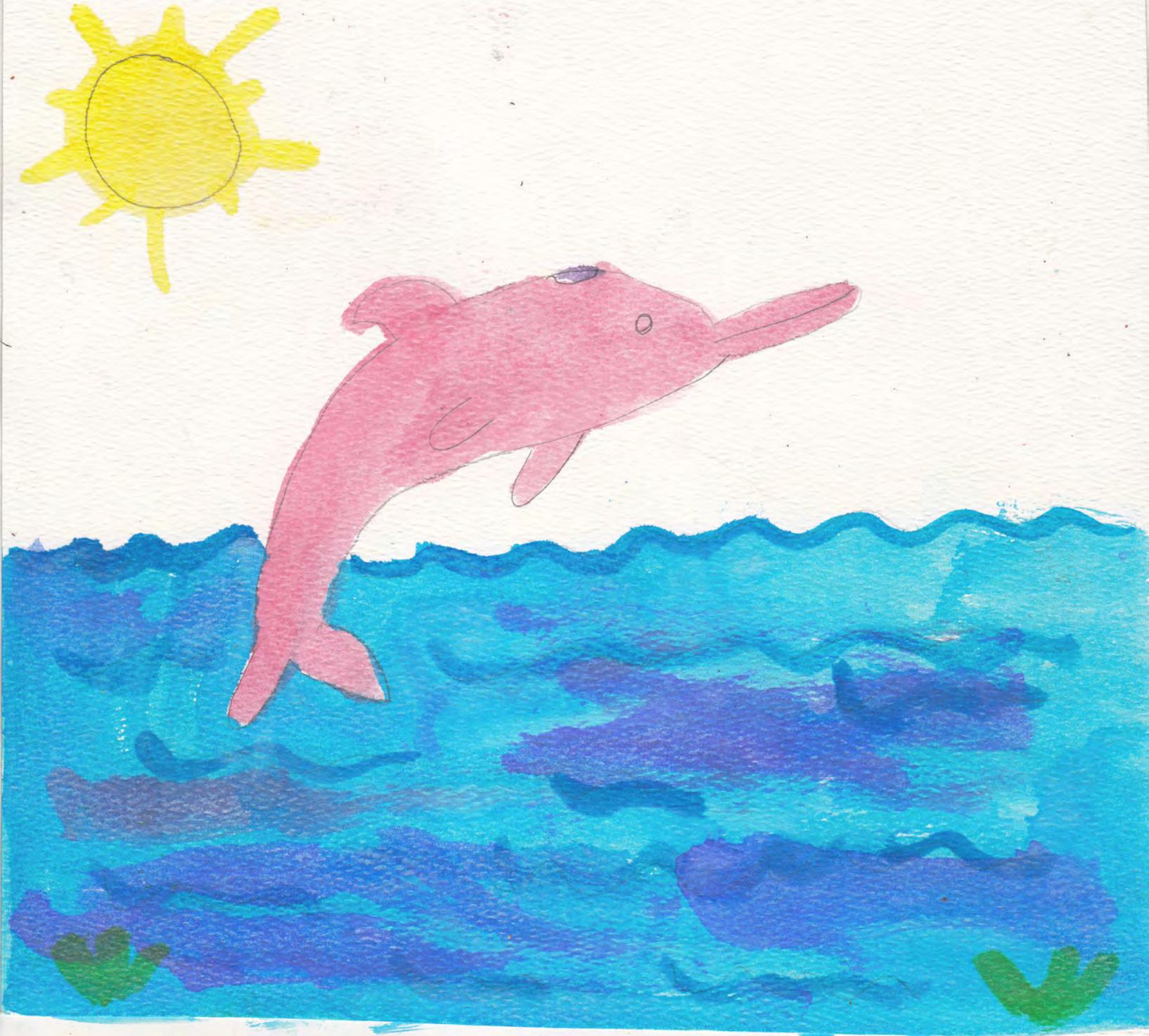


My Rainforest Book on
PINK River Dolphin



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Hello fellow students. My name is Elizabeth and I'm a 5th grade student at an elementary school in Watsonville. I'm in a special class where we are learning about *rainforests* and I'd like to share with you about what *rainforests* are, how *important* they are, and an *animal* of particular interest to me, Pink River Dolphin.



About me...

But before I start my book, I'd like to share with you about some of my favorite things.

I like the colors pink and purple.
Also, I like flowers and I like ladybugs, hearts, and happy faces



Okay, now I'm ready to write about what rainforests are, their *importance*, and facts about one of my favorite *animals*, Pink river dolphin

First, *rainforests* are a very important ecosystem. Of all the ecosystems in the world, they have the highest biodiversity which means different kinds of plants and animals. In addition, rainforests have special characteristics such as:

- located along the equator.
- Receives ~12 hours of sunlight each day
- Receives lots of rain
- Trees are multi-layered



Second, rainforests provide many *important* purposes, such as:

- They provide oxygen throughout the entire planet
- Habitat for many, many types of plants and animals
- Largest source of freshwater
- Source of food (mangoes, coffee, bananas, coconuts, brazil nuts, vanilla)



Third, there is a particular *animal* of interest to me, namely the PINK River Dolphin. I chose this *animal* because it has the color pink AND it has a long mouth. Also because it is an animal that is not dangerous.



In the following paragraphs, I will briefly discuss what I researched about my animal of interest, the Pink River Dolphin. I will cover the following: classification, common name, scientific name, physical characteristics, if the animal camouflages, range, population, status, habitat, prey, predators, and where animal fits in food web. *I hope you enjoy the book!*

Classification

The Pink River Dolphin is a vertebrate because it has a backbone. It is classified as a mammal because it has a little bit of hair on its chin, drinks milk from its mother, has live births, and regulates its body temperature.

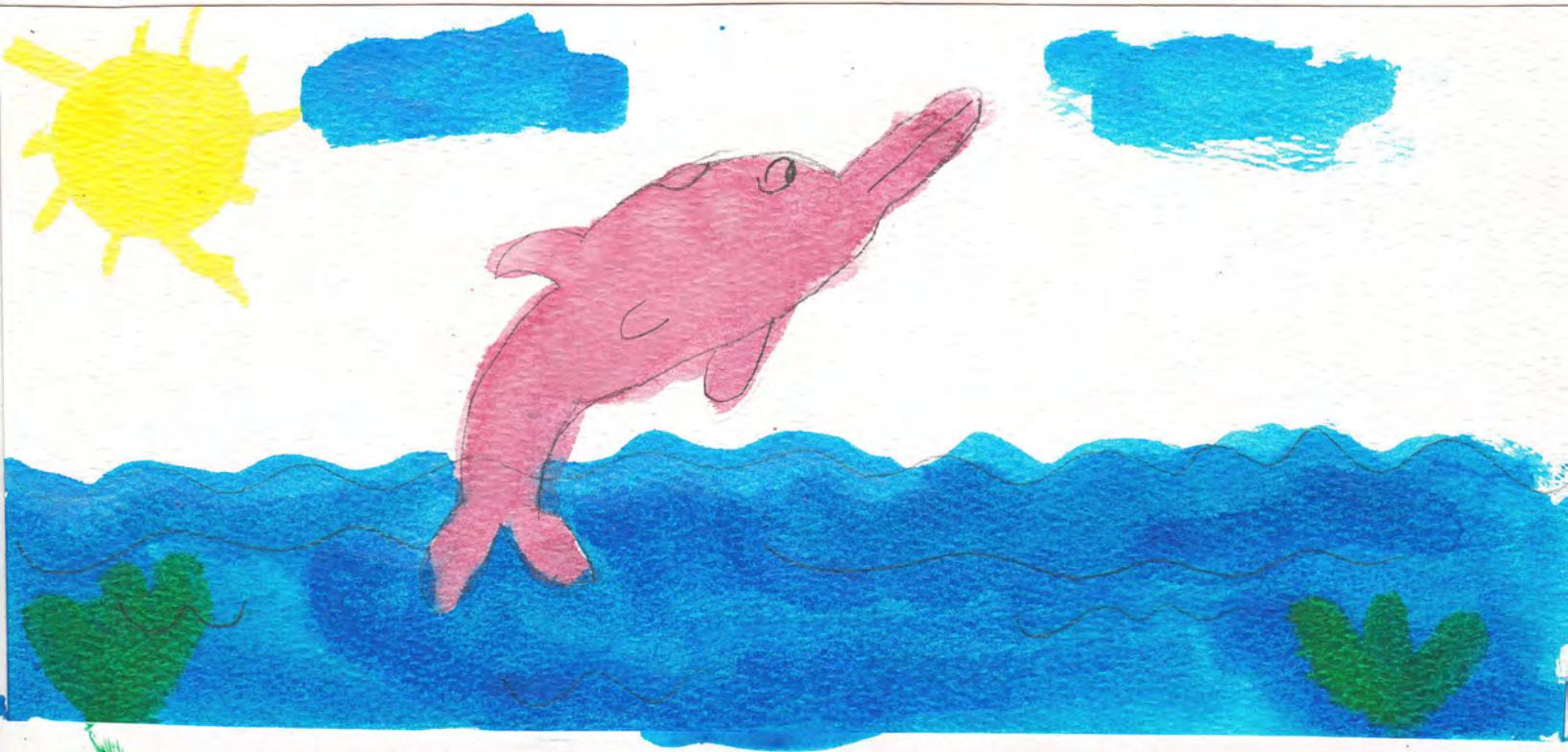
Names

The Pink River Dolphin has two names. The common name is Pink river dolphin, and the scientific name is Inia geofrensis.

In science, the *scientific name* is the genus and species of the animal or plant.

Physical characteristics... my animal looks like...

My animal is 2.5 to 3m (8.25 ft to 9.75 ft)
and 90 kilograms (200 lbs). It is a
pink color.



Camouflage...does my animal blend into its environment?

After looking at my animal and reading more about it, I realize that it camouflages under water but not on the surface.

Range

The pink river dolphin is found in South America from the Amazon river delta to the Andres mountains.

Population

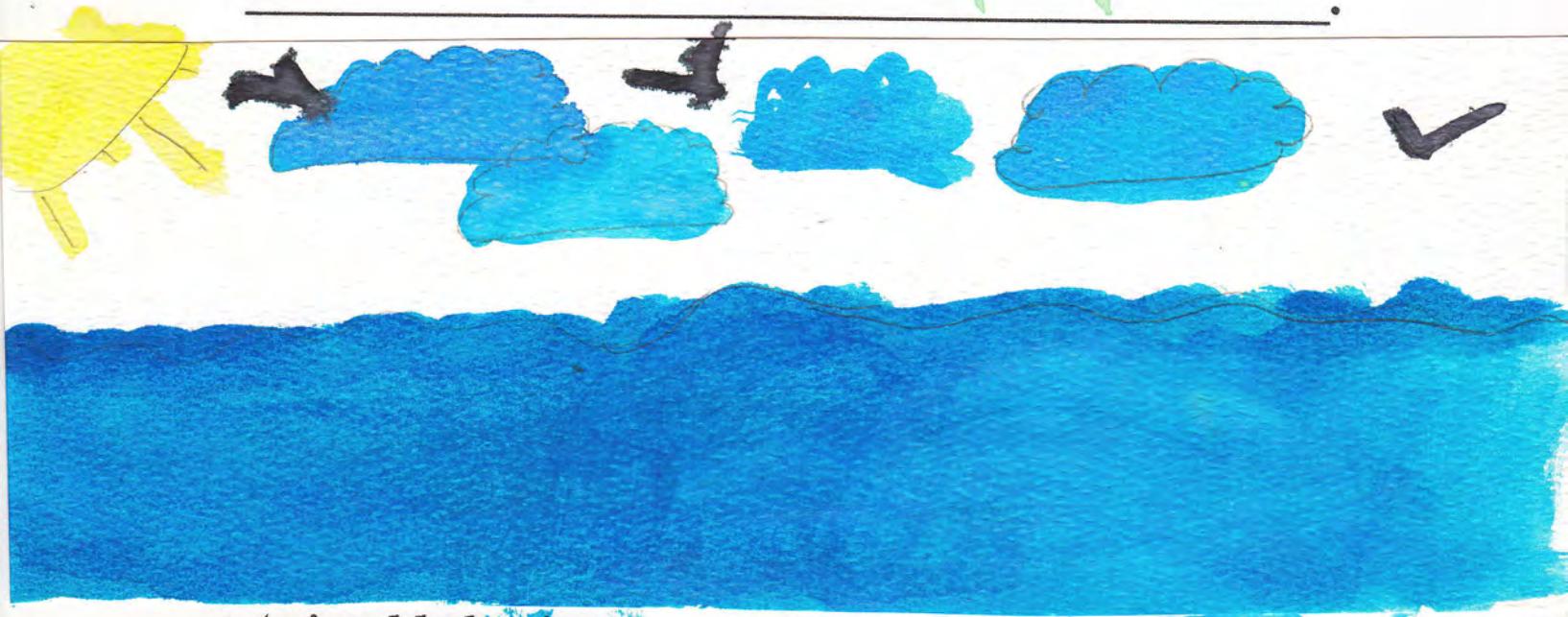
The population of my animal is fewer than 100 to tens of thousands.

Status

The status of the pink river dolphin tells me whether it is endangered, threatened, or stable. What I found out is that the pink river dolphin is endangered. I find this interesting because they destroy its habitat by dumping chemicals in the rivers and they get trapped in fish nets.

Habitat...home

The pink river dolphin's habitat is Tributaries and Main river systems of South America; brackish and fresh waters.



Animal behavior

The way I would describe the behavior of my animal is Dolphins have been observed breaking up their larger prey before swallowing. They sometimes feed together and occasionally with Sotalia. Sotalia is a different kind of animal.

The prey my animal eats are: fish, crustaceans, crabs, small turtles, catfish, parana, Shrimps, and other fish.

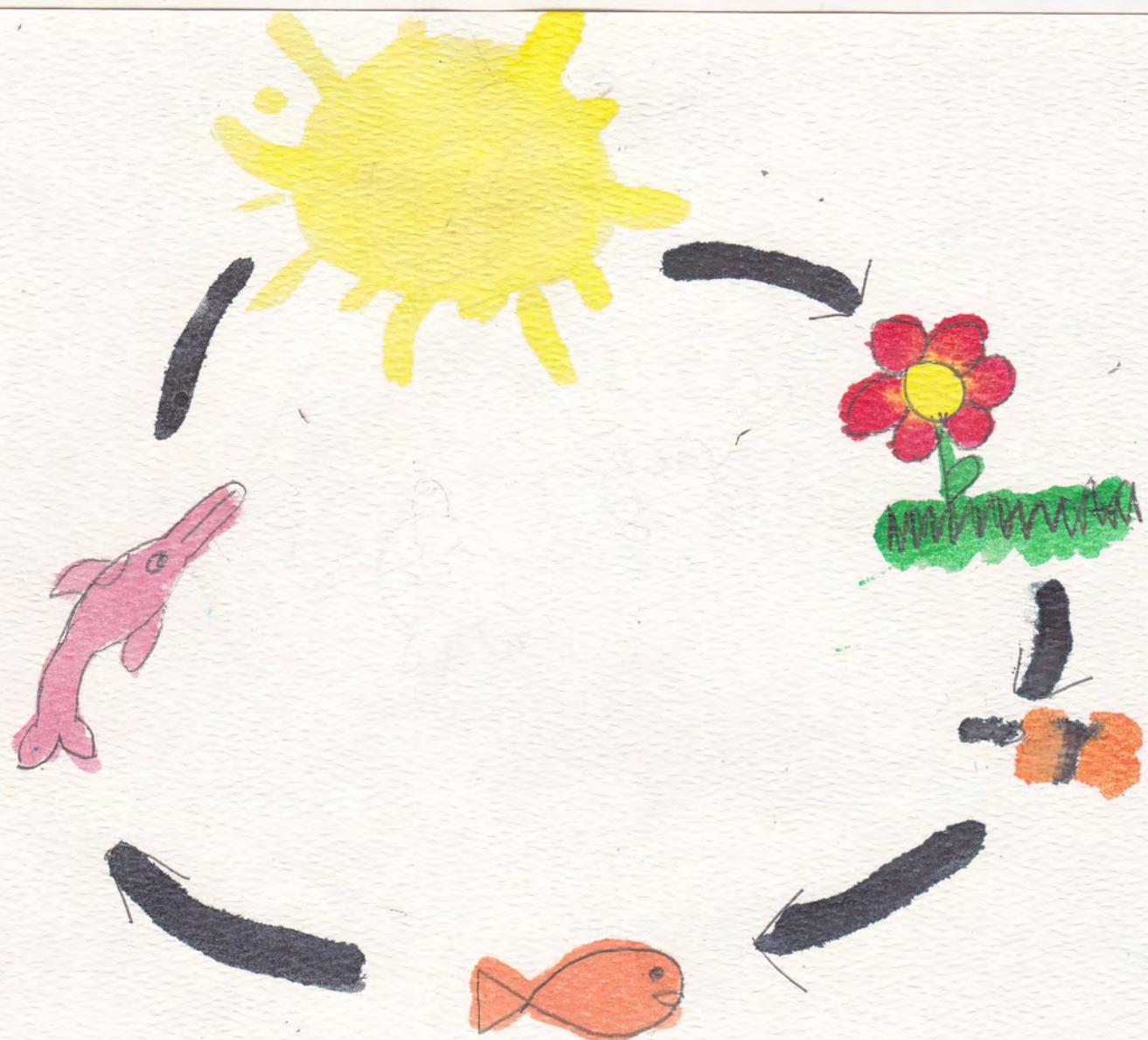
My animal eats other things such as:



The predators that eat me are: Humans are predators of the pink river dolphin

Food web

My animal is a PINK River Dolphin. The following picture demonstrates where my animal fits in the food web.



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Thank you for reading my book. I hope you enjoyed it and learned a lot about the pink river dolphin. Please feel free to comment about my book and also, test your knowledge by answering the following *questions* below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Comments for me:

Questions for you: (*See if you can answer these...*)

1. What do you know about the River Dolphin?
2. What do you like about the River Dolphin?
3. What do they eat? What's their status?