

# 8 fun facts about seahorses

## 1. A roving eye?

No, two! Seahorses can see in two directions at the same time — useful for a small, slow-moving fish on the lookout for prey, or predators.

## 2. Seahorses make noise!

During feeding and courtship, seahorses make noises similar to the sound of smacking your lips. It's loud enough to be heard under water.

## 3. Seahorses do not have teeth

Their slurping, straw-like mouths suck in all the tiny animals they need for food

## 4. Seahorse courting behavior involves a “dance” that can go on for hours.

## 5. Seahorses propel themselves using a small fin on their back that flutters up to 35 times a second.

## 7. Seahorses can change color!

This helps them blend in with their background for camouflage.

## 6. Male seahorses get pregnant, not the females!

Males have a special brood pouch in which females deposit eggs for the males to fertilize. The fertilized eggs develop there for a few weeks until the seahorse father gives “birth” to many baby seahorses.

## 8. Most wild seahorses are monogamous, remaining faithful to a single partner. The pair bonds of these seahorse lovebirds are reinforced by daily greetings.