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I was a sea otter

If I was a sea animal I'd be a sea otter. Sea otters can hold their breath for more than five minutes; most people can't hold their breath for one minute. Baby sea otters are called pups. I would be the smallest mammal in the world. I'm a member of the weasel family. I would have pockets to store food and I would have been born in the water.

My mom may wrap me in kelp. I would live in groups called rafts. I would have lots of friends!

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Sea otters are endangered! I would be 1.2 meters long and I would weigh 40-60 pounds, that's heavy. I would have a thick coat and it would be dark brown to keep me warm. I would eat crabs, sea urchins and market squid. Do you like squid? I do! I would be built for swimming and I would swim on my back. I would love to play. I love to groom. I'd live by the Pacific Ocean. I'm warm blooded. I would have the thickest fur of any

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animal. Sea urchins would be my favorite food.

I am a keystone species. I would depend on my

Mom. Oil is dangerous for me. My fur keeps me

dry and warm. I am amphibious. One of my

predators is sharks. This would be my life if I

were a sea otter!

