

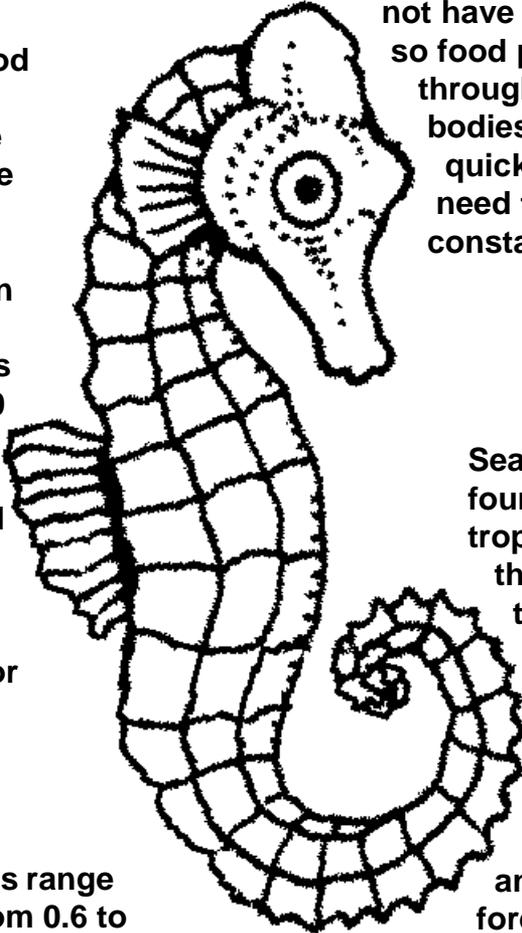


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Many seahorses mate for life

Seahorses feed on plankton and small crustaceans. They do not have a stomach, so food passes through their bodies very quickly, and they need to eat nearly constantly

Seahorses are not good swimmers. They move through the water by using the small fin on their back that flutters up to 35-50 times per second. Their small pectoral fins near their head are used for steering.



Seahorses are found in warm, tropical water throughout the world. Their favorite locations are coral reefs, seagrasses, and mangrove forests.

Seahorses range in size from 0.6 to 14 inches long

Seahorses live in the wild an estimated 1 to 5 years