

ANIMALS AT RISK! 

# Manatees





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Reading Level



Grade  
**K**



Grades  
**1-3**



Grade  
**4**

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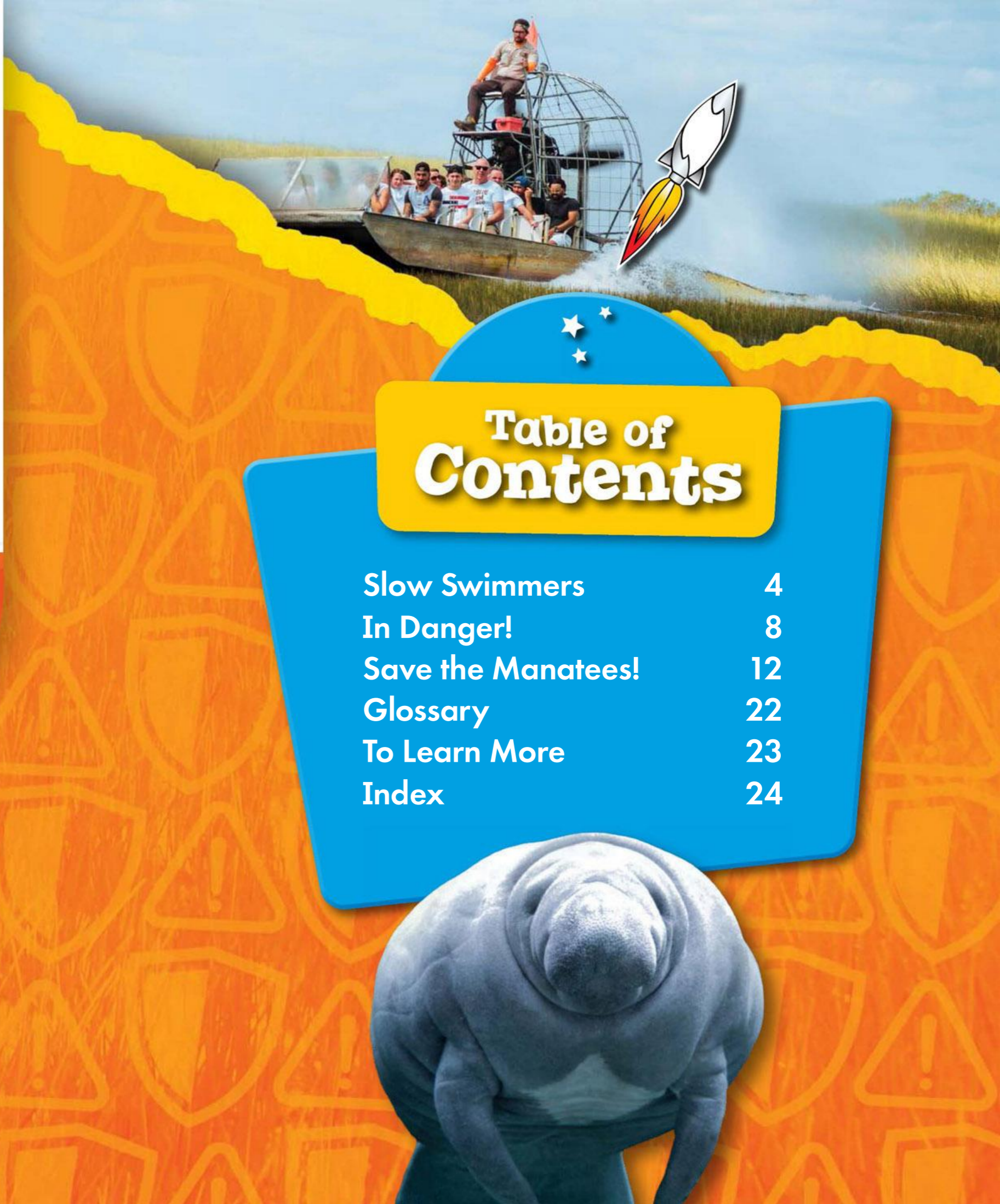
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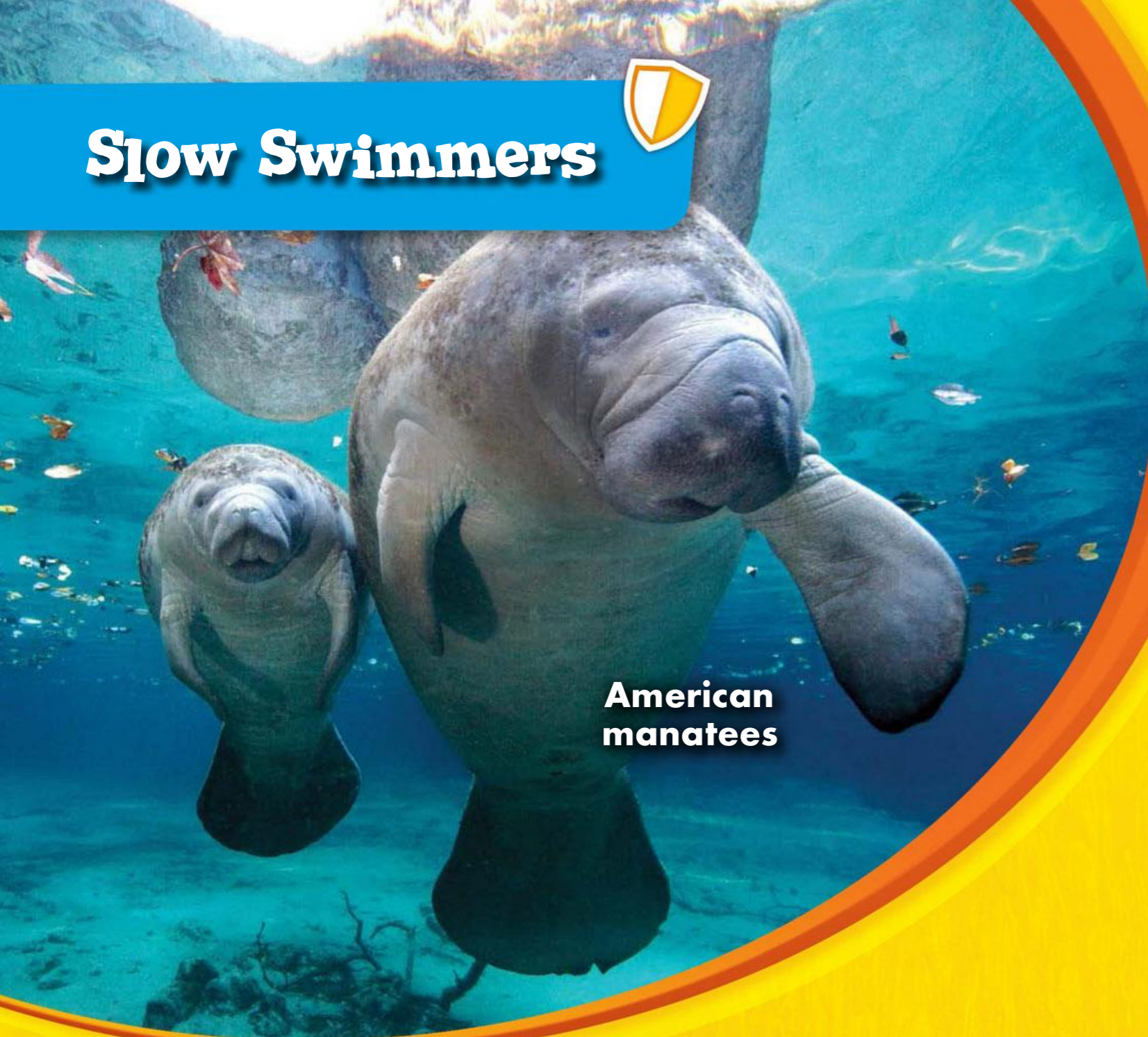


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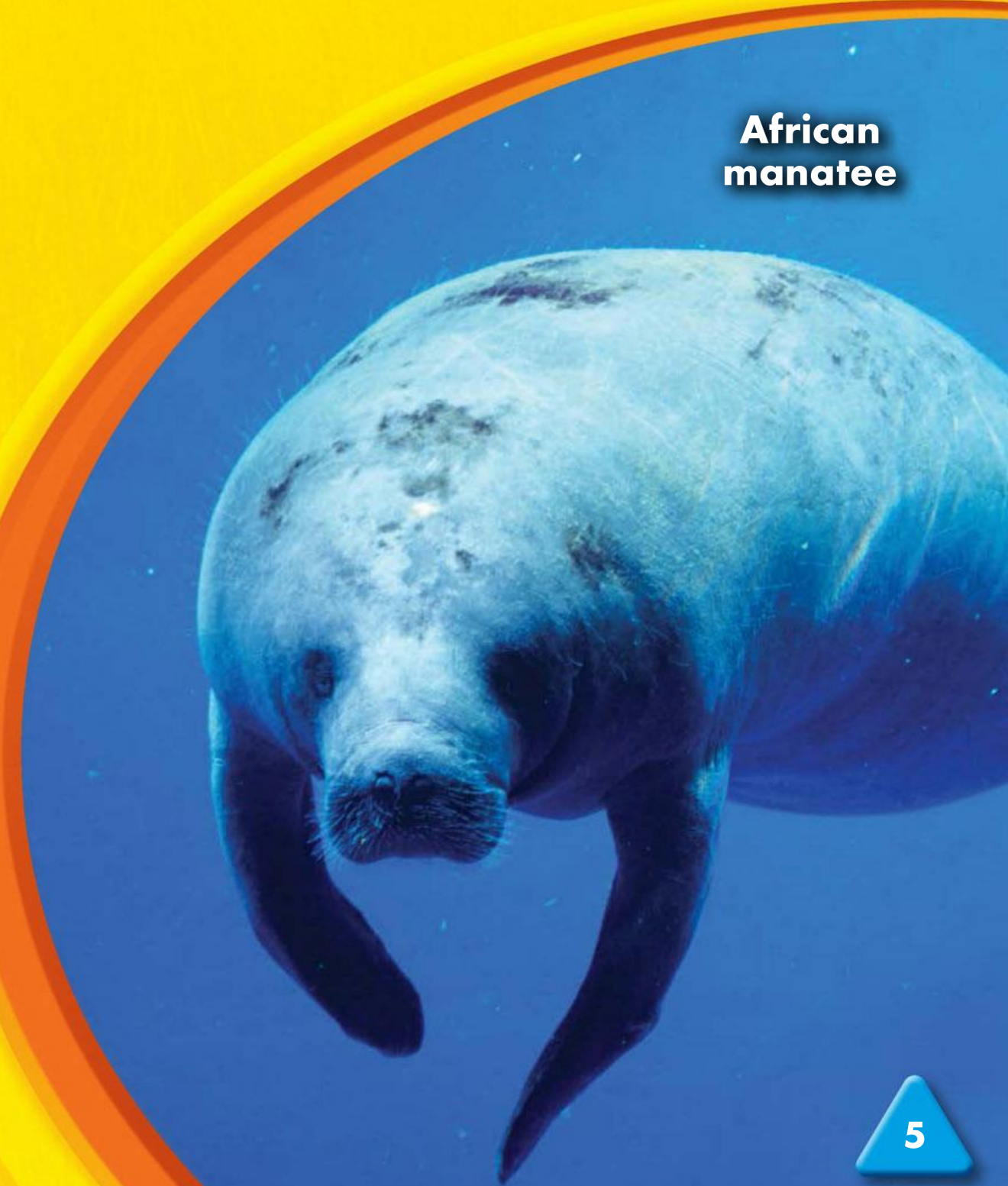
## Slow Swimmers



American manatees

There are three **species** of manatees. They all live in **shallow** waters.

African manatee



Manatees are slow-moving sea **mammals**. They have large bodies and wide, whiskered noses.



Manatees find food and safety near **mangroves**. They swim in rivers and coastal wetlands.

But people are spreading into their **habitats**. Many manatees die every year.

### American Manatee Range



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