

## **The Muskox - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired**

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*[A herd of muskox in a prairie]*

The Eskimos call it omingmak, the bearded one. We know it as the muskox, although it is related to sheep and goats.

*[Muskox walking]*

The muskox lives in the most remote regions of the Far North. It has probably the longest hair of all wild animals, sometimes reaching 25 inches in length.

From May to August, the fine underwool, or qiviut, comes off in patches from its thick coat and adds to its shaggy appearance.

*[Many Muskox running near water]*

When attacked, the adult muskoxen standing shoulder to shoulder form a defensive ring. This manoeuvre was designed for their principal enemy, the wolf, and proved useless against man armed with rifles.

The muskox, once brought to near extinction, is now a carefully managed species.

For a more complete story on the muskox, why not contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa.