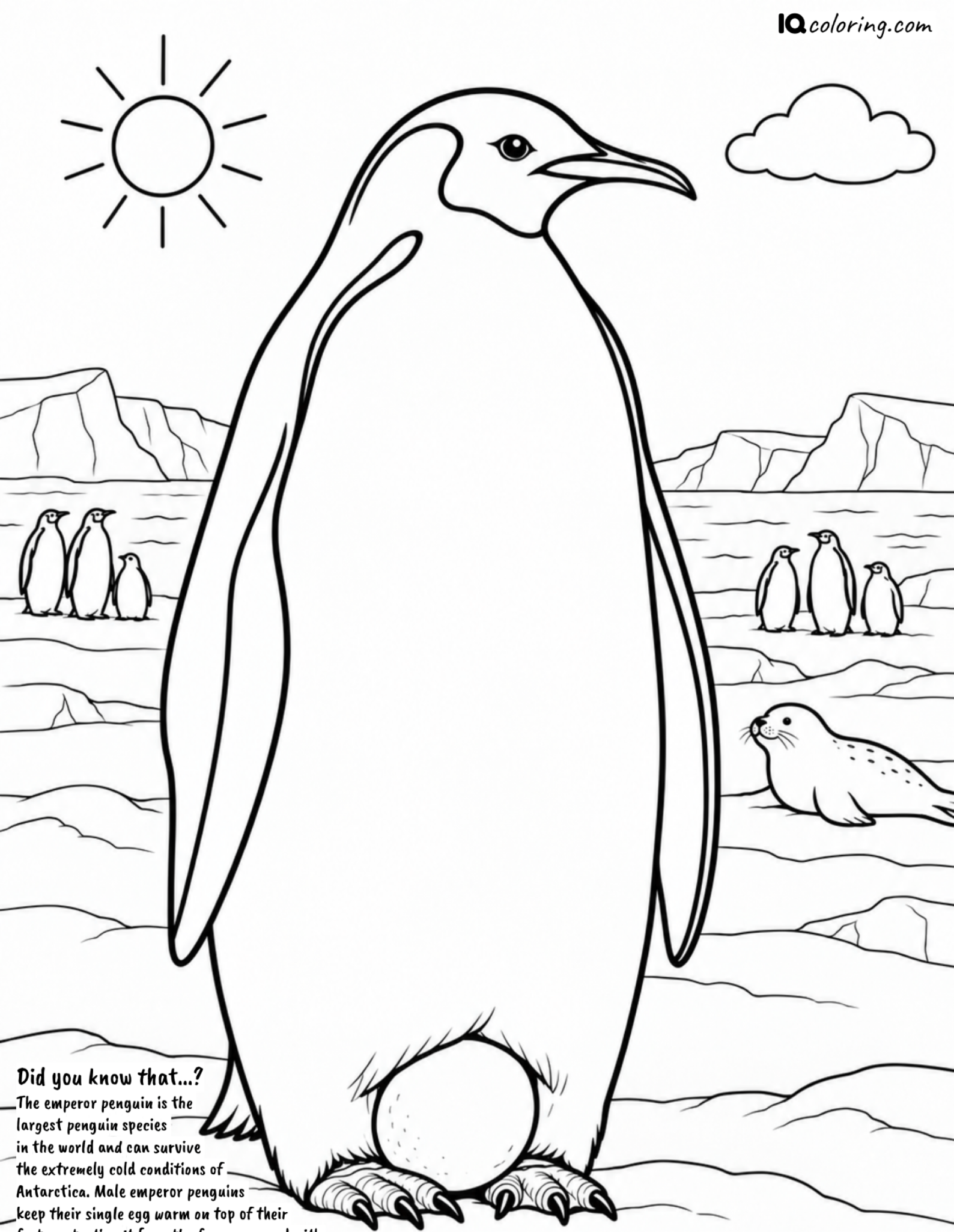


Did you know that...?

The emperor penguin is the largest penguin species in the world and can survive the extremely cold conditions of Antarctica. Male emperor penguins keep their single egg warm on top of their feet, protecting it from the frozen ground with a special fold of skin called a brood pouch. The male cares for the egg for approximately two months during the Antarctic winter, going without food for most of this time while the female hunts fish and other marine animals at sea. To survive freezing temperatures and icy winds, emperor penguins huddle together in large groups, sharing body warmth and taking turns standing in the warmer center. Once the chick hatches, both parents take turns caring for it and bringing food until it grows strong enough to become independent.