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Antarctic Krill

Euphausia superba

Antarctic krill may be the most abundant single wild animal species on Earth by biomass: estimates put the standing stock in the hundreds of millions of tonnes, comparable to or exceeding the mass of…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Euphausiidae
Habitat: Southern Ocean
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-7 years
Weight: 1-2 grams
Scientific name: Euphausia superba

Did you know?

- An estimated 380 million tons of Antarctic krill inhabit the Southern Ocean, making them a cornerstone species for the entire Antarctic ecosystem.
- That daily vertical migration is a carbon pump: krill feed near the surface, then sink and release dense faecal pellets at depth, exporting an estima…

What I learned

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