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## Antarctic scale worm

*Eulagisca gigantea*

The Antarctic scale worm is a large, predatory polychaete worm found in the frigid waters surrounding Antarctica. Recognizable by its broad, flattened body covered with overlapping scales (elytra), t...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Polynoidae

**Habitat:** Deep Antarctic Ocean

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** Unknown, estimated several years

**Weight:** Up to 100 grams

**Scientific name:** *Eulagisca gigantea*

### Did you know?

- Despite its fearsome appearance, the Antarctic scale worm is rarely seen by humans and was first described only in the early 20th century.
- Antarctic scale worms have enormous jaws that can extend outward to capture prey. They possess iridescent scales that may help protect them from pred...

### What I learned

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