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Animal Fact Sheet

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Blue-ringed Octopus

Hapalochlaena lunulata

The blue-ringed octopus is roughly the size of a golf ball and carries enough tetrodotoxin to kill several adult humans. The toxin is the same one found in pufferfish, and the octopus does not make i…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Octopodidae
Habitat: Shallow coral reefs and tide pools
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1.5 to 2 years
Weight: 10 to 100 grams
Scientific name: Hapalochlaena lunulata

Did you know?

- The venom of the Blue-ringed Octopus contains tetrodotoxin, a neurotoxin for which there is currently no known antidote.
- A golf-ball-sized octopus carrying enough tetrodotoxin to kill several people — and there is no antivenom. It does not make the toxin itself; symbiot…

What I learned

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