

Animal Fact Sheet

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Blue-ringed Octopus

Hapalochlaena lunulata

The Blue-ringed Octopus is a small but highly venomous marine animal found in tide pools and coral reefs in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Despite its diminutive size, this octopus is easily recogniz...

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.
- Despite their small size, blue-ringed octopuses carry enough venom to kill 20 adult humans. Their blue rings only glow vibrantly when they feel threa...

What I learned
