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Animal Fact Sheet

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Bobbit Worm

Eunice aphroditois

The bobbit worm is a marine bristle worm that can exceed 3 m in length, and it spends its life buried in the seabed with only a few centimetres protruding. Five antennae fan out across the sediment, …

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Eunicidae
Habitat: Tropical ocean seafloor
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years
Weight: Up to 400 grams
Scientific name: Eunice aphroditois

Did you know?

- The Bobbit worm is named after a notorious 1990s incident, but there is no evidence the worm actually bites off appendages.
- In 2009, staff at the Blue Reef Aquarium in Newquay spent months puzzling over fish disappearing and a coral reef being sliced apart before they dism…

What I learned

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