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Californian Sea Hare

Aplysia californica

The Californian Sea Hare is a large marine gastropod mollusk renowned for its soft, elongated, and often reddish-brown body, which can reach up to 75 cm in length. It inhabits the coastal waters of t…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Aplysiidae
Habitat: Shallow coastal waters with abundant seaweed
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 1-2.5 kg
Scientific name: Aplysia californica

Did you know?

- The Californian Sea Hare's nervous system has played a crucial role in understanding the basic mechanisms of learning and memory in animals.
- The Californian Sea Hare can release a cloud of purple ink as a defense mechanism. Its nervous system contains giant neurons that are easily visible …

What I learned

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