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Animal Fact Sheet

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Cassiopea Jellyfish

Cassiopea spp.

Cassiopea lives upside down. It settles bell-down on the sediment of mangrove lagoons and seagrass flats and holds its frilled oral arms up toward the surface — and the reason is that it is farming. …

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Cassiopeidae
Habitat: Shallow coastal lagoons, mangroves, and seagrass beds
Diet: Carnivore (with significant reliance on symbiotic algae)
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6 months to 1 year
Weight: 100 to 300 grams
Scientific name: Cassiopea spp.

Did you know?

- Cassiopea jellyfish can release tiny, stinging, mucus-filled bubbles into the water, which can cause mild discomfort to swimmers even without direct …
- In 2017, Cassiopea became the first animal without a centralised brain shown to sleep: it displays reduced pulsing at night, is slower to respond to …

What I learned

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