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Animal Fact Sheet

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Chambered Nautilus

Nautilus pompilius

The nautilus is the last of its kind. Its lineage goes back some five hundred million years, and where every other surviving cephalopod — octopus, squid, cuttlefish — abandoned the external shell, th…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Nautilidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical deep ocean slopes and coral reefs
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 0.5–2.5 kg
Scientific name: Nautilus pompilius

Did you know?

- The chambered nautilus is so ancient that it has survived relatively unchanged for over 500 million years, making it a true 'living fossil.'
- Its lineage is around 500 million years old, and it is the only cephalopod that kept an external shell. The shell is a buoyancy tank of sealed chambe…

What I learned

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