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Christmas Tree Worm

Spirobranchus giganteus

The Christmas Tree Worm is a small, tube-building polychaete worm found on coral reefs around the world. Named for its distinctive and brightly colored spiral plumes, which resemble tiny Christmas tr...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Serpulidae

Habitat: Coral reefs

Diet: Filter feeder

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-20 years

Weight: Less than 1 gram

Scientific name: *Spirobranchus giganteus*

Did you know?

- If threatened, the Christmas Tree Worm can retract its plumes into its tube in less than a second to avoid predators.
- Christmas Tree Worms can live for over a decade safely hidden in their coral homes. Their spiral 'trees' are actually radioles, feathery appendages u...

What I learned

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