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Animal Fact Sheet

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Coconut octopus

Amphioctopus marginatus

Amphioctopus marginatus is a small, soft-bodied octopus of shallow Indo-Pacific sand and silt flats, habitats that offer almost no natural shelter. Its solution made it famous: it collects discarded …

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Octopodidae
Habitat: Shallow coastal waters, sandy and muddy sea bottoms
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 300-500 grams
Scientific name: Amphioctopus marginatus

Did you know?

- The coconut octopus can assemble multiple shells or coconut halves into a fortified shelter, demonstrating advanced problem-solving skills.
- The stilt-walking gait it uses while hauling shells is one of the few examples of an invertebrate carrying its own armour rather than growing it. A p…

What I learned

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