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Colossal Squid

Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni

The colossal squid is the largest known invertebrate on Earth, inhabiting the deep, cold waters of the Southern Ocean surrounding Antarctica. This elusive mollusk is distinguished by its massive size...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Cranchiidae

Habitat: Deep Southern Ocean

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: Up to 2 years (estimated)

Weight: 250–495 kg (550–1,091 lbs)

Scientific name: *Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni*

Did you know?

- Despite their gigantic size, colossal squids are believed to be relatively short-lived, possibly surviving only a couple of years.
- Colossal squids have the largest eyes of any known animal, measuring up to 30 centimeters (12 inches) in diameter. Their tentacles are equipped with ...

What I learned
