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Animal Fact Sheet

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Common Octopus

Octopus vulgaris

Octopus vulgaris runs on a body plan so unlike ours that almost every organ is a surprise: three hearts, of which two push blood through the gills and one drives it round the body, and blood that is …

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Octopodidae
Habitat: Coastal ocean and rocky reefs
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 3–10 kg
Scientific name: Octopus vulgaris

Did you know?

- When threatened, the Common Octopus can eject a cloud of dark ink to confuse predators and escape.
- An octopus can taste with its suckers — the rim of each sucker carries chemoreceptors that detect molecules on contact, so it effectively licks whate…

What I learned

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