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Animal Fact Sheet

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Common sea hare

Aplysia punctata

The common sea hare is a medium-sized, soft-bodied marine mollusk belonging to the group of opisthobranch gastropods. Their bodies are elongated and somewhat flattened, with a pair of long, ear-like …

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Aplysiidae
Habitat: Shallow coastal waters with abundant seaweed
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 75-400 grams
Scientific name: Aplysia punctata

Did you know?

- Despite their unassuming appearance, common sea hares play a crucial role in scientific research, especially in neurobiology due to their large, easi…
- Common sea hares have a remarkable ability to regenerate lost body parts, and their ink contains chemicals that can disrupt predator senses. They are…

What I learned

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