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Animal Fact Sheet

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Cookiecutter Worm

Syllis prolifera

The Cookiecutter Worm is a segmented marine polychaete notable for its unique reproductive strategy and striking appearance. It is named for the neat, round holes it creates in marine substrates, rem…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Syllidae
Habitat: Marine coastal environments
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 0.1–1 grams
Scientific name: Syllis prolifera

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, Cookiecutter Worms can quickly regenerate missing parts, making them resilient survivors in their dynamic coastal habitats.
- Cookiecutter Worms can reproduce both sexually and asexually, and are capable of regenerating lost body segments. They use their bristles for both lo…

What I learned

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