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Animal Fact Sheet

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Copepod

Calanus finmarchicus

Copepods are tiny crustaceans found in nearly every aquatic environment, from the deepest oceans to freshwater lakes and ponds. Despite their small size, typically less than 2 millimeters long, they …

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: various (e.g., Calanidae, Cyclopidae, Harpacticidae)
Habitat: Ocean
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: Few weeks to 1 year
Weight: 0.0001–0.01 grams
Scientific name: Calanus finmarchicus

Did you know?

- A single liter of seawater can contain thousands of copepods, making them one of the most numerous multicellular organisms on the planet.
- Copepods are estimated to make up the majority of animal biomass in the oceans. Some species can produce bioluminescence to evade predators or attrac…

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