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Decorator Crab

Camposcia retusa

Decorator crabs are fascinating marine invertebrates known for their unique behavior of attaching materials such as algae, sponges, and debris to their exoskeletons for camouflage. This adaptation he…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Inachidae
Habitat: Coastal reefs and rocky seabeds
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-4 years
Weight: 20-50 grams
Scientific name: Camposcia retusa

Did you know?

- Some decorator crabs deliberately attach toxic or stinging organisms to deter predators, effectively weaponizing their camouflage.
- Decorator crabs use specialized hooked setae on their shells to hold camouflage materials. Some species even change their decorations depending on th…

What I learned

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