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Animal Fact Sheet

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Dumbo Octopus

Grimpoteuthis spp.

Grimpoteuthis is the deepest-living octopus known, recorded below 4,000 m and observed near 7,000 m — depths where no other octopus is found at all. It belongs to the cirrate octopuses, a lineage tha…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Opisthoteuthidae
Habitat: Deep ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3 to 5 years
Weight: 1.5 to 6 kg
Scientific name: Grimpoteuthis spp.

Did you know?

- Dumbo octopuses can swallow their prey whole, a rare feeding strategy among octopuses.
- A dumbo octopus can flush its whole body pale or dark and can turn its web inside out into a bell shape, though with no predators that hunt by sight …

What I learned

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