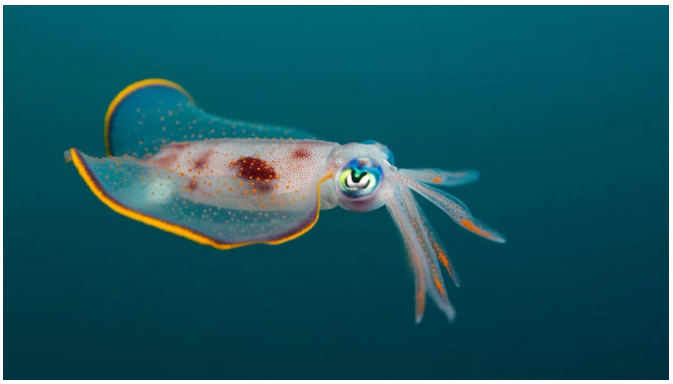
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Firefly Squid

Watasenia scintillans

The firefly squid is a small deep-water cephalopod studded with photophores — light-producing organs running along its arms, body and around its eyes — and it uses them in two entirely opposite ways.…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Enoploteuthidae
Habitat: Deep ocean waters (200-400 meters), coastal bays during spawning season
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1 year
Weight: 10-20 grams
Scientific name: Watasenia scintillans

Did you know?

- The Firefly Squid's bioluminescent displays are so bright that they can sometimes be seen from the surface, lighting up entire sections of coastline …
- Its lights point downward to erase its own silhouette against the glow from above — lit up and invisible at the same time. It is one of the very few …

What I learned

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