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Animal Fact Sheet

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Giant Clam

Tridacna gigas

Tridacna gigas can exceed 1.2 m across and 200 kg, and it is not really living on the plankton it filters. Most of its food is made in-house: the enormous fleshy mantle that bulges out between the sh…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Cardiidae
Habitat: Coral reefs in shallow tropical marine waters
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 60-100 years
Weight: 100-200 kg
Scientific name: Tridacna gigas

Did you know?

- A single giant clam can produce millions of eggs in one spawning event.
- A giant clam's shell is so large and slow-growing that a single individual may be over a century old, laying down growth bands that record local cond…

What I learned

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