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Animal Fact Sheet

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Giant deep-sea isopod

Bathynomus giganteus

Bathynomus giganteus is a woodlouse the size of a small cat. It is a genuine relative of the pill bugs found under garden stones, sharing the same armoured, segmented body plan and the same ability t…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Cirolanidae
Habitat: Deep ocean floor
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 1.7–2.5 kg
Scientific name: Bathynomus giganteus

Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating appearance, giant deep-sea isopods are harmless scavengers and play a crucial role in recycling nutrients on the ocean flo…
- They have four sets of jaws that between them cut, tear and pierce, and they will burrow into a carcass and eat it from the inside. Their swimming le…

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