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## Giant deep-sea isopod

*Bathynomus giganteus*

The giant deep-sea isopod is a large crustacean that inhabits the cold, dark depths of the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans. Resembling an enormous pill bug, it can reach lengths of up to 50 cent...

### 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...
- Giant deep-sea isopods can survive for long periods without food, sometimes going several years between meals. They have compound eyes that are highl...

### What I learned

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