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Horseshoe Worm

Phoronis australis

The Horseshoe Worm is a slender, unsegmented marine invertebrate belonging to the phylum Phoronida. These worms are known for their horseshoe-shaped feeding structure called a lophophore, which they ...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Phoronidae

Habitat: Shallow coastal marine environments

Diet: Filter feeder

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: Up to 1-2 years

Weight: Less than 1 gram

Scientific name: *Phoronis australis*

Did you know?

- The lophophore of the Horseshoe Worm is shaped like a horseshoe, which is how the group got its common name.
- Horseshoe Worms have a unique feeding structure called a lophophore, which is not found in many other animal groups. Despite their worm-like appearan...

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