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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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