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Animal Fact Sheet

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Humboldt Squid

Dosidicus gigas

Dosidicus gigas grows to about 1.5 m and 50 kg in the eastern Pacific's oxygen-poor Humboldt Current, and it does that in barely a year to eighteen months - a growth rate among the fastest of any ani…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Ommastrephidae
Habitat: Open ocean (pelagic zone)
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 20-50 kg
Scientific name: Dosidicus gigas

Did you know?

- The Humboldt squid is sometimes called the 'red devil' due to its aggressive behavior and the deep red color it displays when excited or threatened.
- Humboldt squid make daily vertical migrations of several hundred metres, spending days in water so low in oxygen that most fish cannot survive there,…

What I learned

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