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Animal Fact Sheet

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King Ragworm

Alitta virens

The King Ragworm is a large, predatory marine polychaete worm found along the coasts of Europe and North America. Recognizable by its iridescent, segmented body that can reach up to 1.2 meters in len…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Nereididae
Habitat: Intertidal zones of sandy and muddy shores
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years
Weight: 20-100 grams
Scientific name: Alitta virens

Did you know?

- Despite being invertebrates, King Ragworms have a primitive but effective circulatory system with a series of blood vessels and a closed system, simi…
- King Ragworms have a remarkable regenerative ability, capable of regrowing lost segments. Their jaws are so strong they can deliver a painful bite, e…

What I learned

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