

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
