

Animal Fact Sheet

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Mimic Octopus

Thaumoctopus mimicus

The Mimic Octopus is an extraordinary cephalopod known for its remarkable ability to impersonate other marine animals. Native to the shallow, muddy coastal waters of Southeast Asia, it can change bot...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Octopodidae

Habitat: Shallow coastal waters and muddy estuaries

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1.5-2 years

Weight: 0.5-1 kg

Scientific name: *Thaumoctopus mimicus*

Did you know?

- The Mimic Octopus can choose which animal to mimic based on the type of predator it faces, tailoring its disguise for maximum survival.
- The Mimic Octopus can imitate at least 15 different marine species. It was only discovered by scientists in 1998, making it a relatively recent addit...

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