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Animal Fact Sheet

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Opaleye Nudibranch

Hermissenda opalescens

The Opaleye nudibranch is a strikingly colorful sea slug, easily recognized by its opalescent blue lines and orange-tipped cerata that cover its translucent white body. Found in the intertidal and su…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Facelinidae
Habitat: Rocky intertidal and shallow subtidal zones along the Pacific coastline
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 1-3 grams
Scientific name: Hermissenda opalescens

Did you know?

- The Opaleye nudibranch's scientific name, Hermissenda opalescens, refers to its iridescent, opal-like colors.
- Opaleye nudibranchs can incorporate stinging cells from their prey into their own tissues for defense. Their brilliant blue and orange coloration ser…

What I learned

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