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Opaleye Nudibranch

Hermisenda 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: *Hermisenda opalescens*

Did you know?

- The Opaleye nudibranch's scientific name, *Hermisenda 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...

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