

Animal Fact Sheet

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Paper Nautilus

Argonauta argo

The Paper Nautilus, also known as the greater argonaut, is a fascinating species of pelagic octopus found in warm and temperate oceans worldwide. Unlike true nautiluses, females secrete a delicate, p...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Argonautidae

Habitat: Open ocean (pelagic zone)

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-2 years

Weight: Up to 100 g

Scientific name: *Argonauta argo*

Did you know?

- Unlike true nautiluses, the Paper Nautilus is actually an octopus, not a close relative of the shelled nautiluses.
- Female Paper Nautiluses create a paper-thin shell solely for egg protection, not for living inside. The males are among the smallest adult cephalopod...

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