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Animal Fact Sheet

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Peanut worm

Sipunculus nudus

The peanut worm is a marine invertebrate named for its ability to contract its body into a shape resembling a peanut. Belonging to the phylum Sipuncula, it has an unsegmented, cylindrical body that c…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Sipunculidae
Habitat: Marine coastal sediments
Diet: Detritivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-5 years
Weight: 1-20 grams
Scientific name: Sipunculus nudus

Did you know?

- Peanut worms lack both a true circulatory and respiratory system, relying on diffusion through their body wall for gas exchange.
- Peanut worms can contract their bodies so tightly that they resemble a shelled peanut. Despite their simple appearance, they have a complex digestive…

What I learned

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