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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
