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Animal Fact Sheet

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Pom-pom Crab

Lybia tessellata

The Pom-pom Crab, also known as the Boxer Crab, is a small and distinctive crustacean found in tropical Indo-Pacific coral reefs. It is renowned for carrying small sea anemones in its claws, which re…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Xanthidae
Habitat: Coral reefs
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-3 years
Weight: 1-3 grams
Scientific name: Lybia tessellata

Did you know?

- Pom-pom Crabs can 'clone' their anemones by splitting them in half, ensuring they always have a pair of their signature pom-poms.
- Pom-pom Crabs use their anemones as both weapons and tools, waving them to ward off predators and gather food particles. The relationship between the…

What I learned

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