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Predatory Tunicate

Megalodicopia hians

The predatory tunicate, *Megalodicopia hians*, is a remarkable deep-sea invertebrate known for its unusual method of capturing prey. Unlike most tunicates that filter feed, this species has a large, mo...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Octacnemidae

Habitat: Deep-sea ocean

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 5-10 years

Weight: 20-40 grams

Scientific name: *Megalodicopia hians*

Did you know?

- Despite their gelatinous, plant-like appearance, predatory tunicates are more closely related to vertebrates than to most other invertebrates.
- Predatory tunicates are among the few tunicate species that actively hunt prey instead of filter feeding. Their striking trap mechanism is reminiscen...

What I learned
