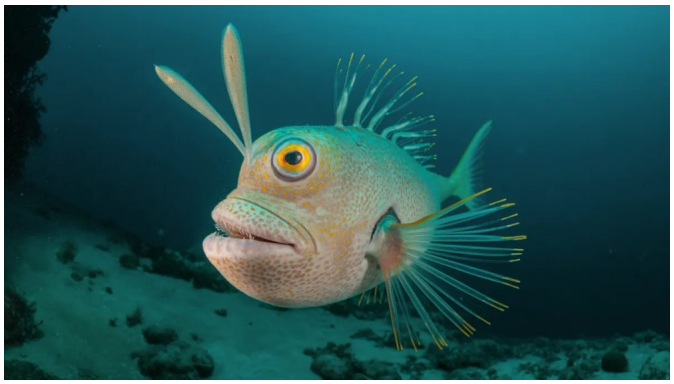
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Predatory Tunicate

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

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