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Animal Fact Sheet

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Purse Sponge

Grantia compressa

The purse sponge is a small, sac-like marine sponge found along the northeastern Atlantic coasts and the Mediterranean Sea. Its body is typically slender, tubular, and can reach lengths up to 5 centi…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Grantiidae
Habitat: Shallow marine coastal waters, especially attached to rocks and seaweeds
Diet: Filter feeder
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-5 years
Weight: 2-10 grams
Scientific name: Grantia compressa

Did you know?

- Despite their simple appearance, purse sponges can regenerate lost parts and even re-form after being broken into pieces.
- Purse sponges can contract their bodies to expel waste water, giving them a unique 'squeezing' appearance. They are hermaphroditic, meaning individua…

What I learned

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