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Animal Fact Sheet

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Queen conch

Lobatus gigas

The Queen conch is a large marine mollusk recognized for its beautiful, spiral-shaped pink shell and distinctive flared lip. Native to the warm, shallow waters of the Caribbean Sea and western Atlant…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Strombidae
Habitat: Shallow seagrass beds and sandy substrates in warm coastal waters
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Queen conch is listed as 'Endangered' by the IUCN Red List
Lifespan: 20–30 years
Weight: 2–5 kg
Scientific name: Lobatus gigas

Did you know?

- Despite their slow movement, queen conchs can travel considerable distances by 'leaping' forward using their strong foot.
- Queen conchs are able to produce a loud, trumpet-like sound by blowing through their shells. Their shells have been used for centuries as musical ins…

What I learned

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