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Animal Fact Sheet

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Saddle Oyster

Anomia ephippium

The Saddle Oyster is a small, thin-shelled bivalve mollusk known for its translucent, irregularly shaped shell that often features a saddle-like depression. These mollusks attach themselves to hard s…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Anomiidae
Habitat: Shallow coastal ocean waters
Diet: Filter feeder
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-4 years
Weight: 1-5 grams
Scientific name: Anomia ephippium

Did you know?

- Unlike true oysters, Saddle Oysters are not harvested for food due to their small size and thin shells.
- Saddle Oysters can modify the shape of their shells to fit the surfaces they attach to. Despite their delicate appearance, their shells provide effec…

What I learned

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