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Animal Fact Sheet

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Scallop

Pecten maximus

Scallops are among the very few bivalves that swim, clapping their valves to jet water backwards out of the hinge corners and hopping erratically through the water column to escape sea stars. That es…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Pectinidae
Habitat: Ocean
Diet: Filter feeder
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-20 years
Weight: 0.1-0.5 kg
Scientific name: Pecten maximus

Did you know?

- Unlike most bivalves, scallops are active swimmers, not just sedentary dwellers.
- Scallop eyes have two retinas per eye, one apparently tuned to the periphery and one to the centre, an arrangement found nowhere else. The upper and …

What I learned

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