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Sea Cucumber

Holothuria edulis

Sea cucumbers (class Holothuroidea) are echinoderms, related to sea stars and urchins, and they run on hydraulics rather than muscle in the way vertebrates do. Their body wall is made of mutable coll…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Holothuriidae
Habitat: Ocean
Diet: Detritivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 0.1–2 kg
Scientific name: Holothuria edulis

Did you know?

- Sea cucumbers have a unique symbiotic relationship with certain fish and shrimp that live inside their cloaca for protection.
- A sea cucumber can eviscerate its own internal organs as a defence and grow them back, a full regeneration that takes only a few weeks in some specie…

What I learned

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