

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Sea Mouse

*Aphrodita aculeata*

The sea mouse is a marine polychaete worm known for its iridescent, bristly appearance and oval, flattened body. Despite its name, it is not a mammal, but an invertebrate commonly found on the seabed...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Aphroditidae

**Habitat:** Ocean floor (continental shelf, sandy or muddy substrates)

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 3-5 years

**Weight:** 20-75 grams

**Scientific name:** *Aphrodita aculeata*

### Did you know?

- Despite their soft appearance, sea mice are voracious predators that can consume other polychaete worms nearly their own size.
- Sea mice can produce striking iridescent colors due to the microscopic structure of their bristles. They are named for their resemblance to a mouse, ...

### What I learned

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