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Sea Spider

Pycnogonum littorale

Sea spiders (class Pycnogonida) are marine arthropods that look like a bundle of legs with almost nothing in between, and that impression is close to the truth: the body is so slender that the gut an…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Pycnogonidae
Habitat: Ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-5 years
Weight: 0.1–5 grams
Scientific name: Pycnogonum littorale

Did you know?

- Sea spiders are found in all the world's oceans, including the frigid waters of Antarctica, where some reach extraordinary sizes due to polar giganti…
- Sea spiders are not spiders and are not even certainly arachnids; their relationship to the rest of the arthropods is one of the longest-running argu…

What I learned

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