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Animal Fact Sheet

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Vampire Squid

Vampyroteuthis infernalis

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Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Vampyroteuthidae
Habitat: Deep ocean (Oxygen Minimum Zone)
Diet: Detritivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8 to 10 years
Weight: 0.5 to 1.5 kg
Scientific name: Vampyroteuthis infernalis

Did you know?

- Despite its fearsome name, the vampire squid primarily feeds on 'marine snow'—a mixture of dead plankton, fecal matter, and organic debris.
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What I learned

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