

Animal Fact Sheet

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Vampire Squid

Vampyroteuthis infernalis

The vampire squid is a deep-sea cephalopod known for its striking appearance, featuring webbed arms and dark coloration. Despite its name, it is not a true squid nor a vampire; instead, it belongs to...

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.
- The vampire squid glows in the dark using photophores on its body and arm tips. It can turn itself inside-out in a defensive posture called the 'pine...

What I learned
