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Animal Fact Sheet

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Violet Sea Snail

Janthina janthina

The violet sea snail (genus Janthina) spends its entire life hanging upside down beneath a raft of its own bubbles at the surface of the open ocean, and it cannot swim. It builds the raft with its fo…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Epitoniidae
Habitat: Open Ocean (Pelagic Zone)
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 0.5-2 grams
Scientific name: Janthina janthina

Did you know?

- The Violet Sea Snail cannot swim and relies entirely on its bubble raft to stay afloat—if it loses this raft, it sinks and cannot survive.
- The violet sea snail builds a raft by trapping air bubbles in mucus with its foot, and it will drown if it loses it. It eats Portuguese men o' war, w…

What I learned

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