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Yeti Crab

Kiwa hirsuta

Yeti crabs (genus Kiwa) are blind, pale squat lobsters of hydrothermal vents and cold seeps, first described in 2005, and the hair that gives them their name is a farm. Their claws and undersides are…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Kiwaidae
Habitat: Deep-sea hydrothermal vents
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Data Deficient
Lifespan: Unknown (estimated several years)
Weight: Approximately 300-500 grams
Scientific name: Kiwa hirsuta

Did you know?

- Unlike most crabs, the Yeti Crab is nearly blind and relies heavily on touch and chemical cues to navigate its dark, high-pressure environment.
- Yeti crabs grow bacteria on their own hairy claws and then comb them off and eat them, farming their food on their bodies. One species waves its claw…

What I learned

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