

Facts:

Animal Name:

Coconut octopus

Species Name:

Amphioctopus marginatus

Lifespan:

These octopuses live for around 3-5 years.

Size:

Including their arms, they are around 6 in long (15 cm). They weigh around 7-9 oz (200-250 g).

Where they live:

They are commonly found throughout the tropical Pacific and the Indian Oceans.

Habitat:

They live in muddy and sandy areas at a depth ~ 600 ft (183 m).

What they eat:

These carnivores eat fish, shrimp, and crustaceans which they gather from the mud holes.

Interesting facts:

They are capable of bipedal movements (walking on two arms), which allows them to carry their tools like a coconut or clam shells with their other six arms.

Since octopuses do not have a hard skeleton, they can easily fit into a coconut. This makes them look like a rolling coconut and tricks their predators!

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