

Common Octopus

Octopus vulgaris

Octopuses are ocean creatures that are most famous for having eight arms and bulbous heads. The common octopus, is found worldwide in tropical and semitropical waters. Its size ranges from 12 to 36 inches long. Octopuses are carnivores, which means they eat meat. Meals can include clams, shrimp, lobsters, fish, sharks and even birds. Octopuses typically drop down on their prey, envelop it with their arms and pull the animal into their mouth. For defense against predators, octopuses hide, flee quickly, expel ink, or use color-changing camouflage. Some other fun facts: They have three hearts and blue blood and, being boneless, they can squeeze into (or out of) tight spaces. They are quite intelligent and have been observed using tools!



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