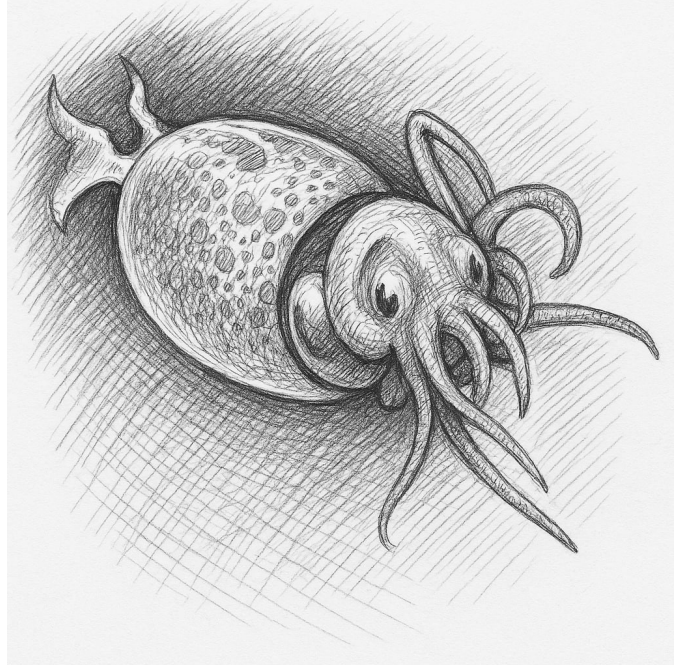


Giant Squid Filmed for First Time Ever

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Scientists have filmed a young colossal squid alive in the ocean for the very first time. This amazing moment happened deep in the South Atlantic Ocean. The squid was seen 600 meters below the surface and was about 30 centimeters long. Even though this one was small, adult colossal squids can grow up to 7 meters long and weigh as much as 500 kilograms.

A team of scientists spent 35 days on a ship exploring the deep ocean. They used a remote-controlled underwater vehicle to search for new sea creatures. The place they explored was so far away that the closest people were actually astronauts on the International Space Station!



The squid looks so clear that it is almost transparent, which is normal for young ones. Colossal squids have hooks in the middle of their eight arms, which is one of the ways scientists can tell them apart from other squids.

When the team first saw the squid, they didn't know what kind it was. But it was so unusual and beautiful that they made sure to film it. Later, a squid expert confirmed that it was a juvenile colossal squid. Before this, most of what we knew about these animals came from remains found in the stomachs of whales and seabirds.

Scientists say there's still a lot we don't know about colossal squids, like how many there are or how they live. They are so rarely seen that they almost seem like creatures from a legend. In fact, this special sighting happened exactly 100 years after colossal squids were first discovered and named.

Comprehension Questions:

1. The squid looks so clear that it is almost transparent. What does "transparent" mean?
a) Very strong and heavy b) Easy to see through
c) Covered in bright colors d) Full of sharp hooks
2. Why was filming the young squid so special?
a) It was the biggest squid ever seen b) It attacked the scientists
c) Colossal squids are almost never seen alive d) It was on land, not in water
3. What does the story suggest about the ocean?
a) It still holds many secrets b) It is completely empty
c) Only small animals live in it d) People know everything about it

4. Which of these statements is false?
- a) The squid was filmed in space
 - b) The squid had hooks on its arms
 - c) Scientists used an underwater vehicle
 - d) The squid was seen in the South Atlantic Ocean
5. Why did scientists need a remote-controlled vehicle?
- a) To travel to the International Space Station
 - b) The water was too warm
 - c) The area was too deep for people to swim
 - d) The squid was flying
6. Why did the scientists film the squid even before they knew what it was?
- a) They thought it was an astronaut
 - b) It looked beautiful and unusual
 - c) They were bored
 - d) They needed food
7. What do we know about adult colossal squids?
- a) They are very fast on land
 - b) They live in rivers
 - c) They can be cute and friendly pets
 - d) They are much bigger than the one that was filmed
8. Why did scientists have to examine whale and seabird stomachs to learn more about colossal squids?
- a) Squids can fly and live in trees
 - b) Scientists are not allowed to go near the ocean
 - c) Squids are always born inside the stomachs of other animals
 - d) Whales and seabirds sometimes eat them
9. This colossal squid was filmed 100 years after they were first discovered. What does this tell us?
- a) Scientists waited exactly 100 years to find one
 - b) Colossal squids only appear every 100 years
 - c) It is very rare to see them alive
 - d) Whales helped the scientists find it
10. What is the main idea of the article?
- a) Colossal squids are the most dangerous animals in the sea
 - b) A young colossal squid was filmed alive for the first time
 - c) Scientists are very interested in studying sea creatures
 - d) Whales and birds sometimes eat squids

Speaking and Writing Activities:

- Discuss these questions with a partner or a small group
 - Choose one topic and write a response to it. Show your writing to a classmate or teacher.
1. Have you ever heard a story or legend from your country about a strange animal or monster? Explain what you know.
 2. Do you think science will ever discover all the animals on Earth? Why or why not?
 3. Have you ever seen a strange or beautiful animal in real life? What did it look like?