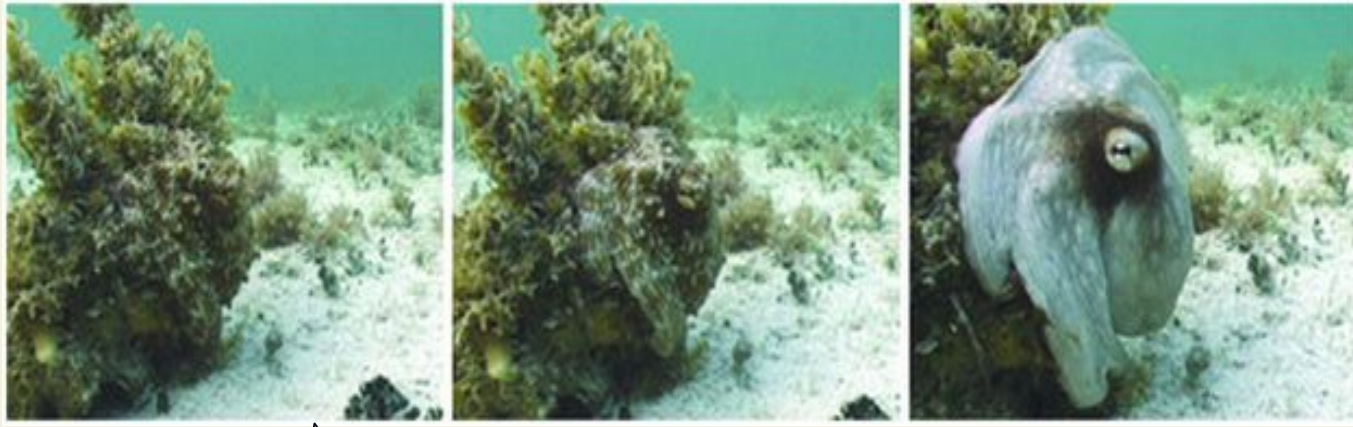


Giant Pacific Octopus

“Master of Disguise”

Meet the Giant Pacific Octopus (*Enteroctopus dofleini*), the largest kind of octopus boasting an arm span up to 16 feet and a weight of over 100 pounds. They are found in the chilly waters of the Pacific Ocean, thriving in rocky crevices and kelp forests.





**Wow!
Where did
that come
from!?!**

Fun Fact: These creatures are also incredibly intelligent. They solve puzzles, open jars, and even escape enclosures. With three hearts and an efficient brain, they are among the most fascinating inhabitants of the ocean.

The Giant Pacific Octopus uses special skin cells to instantly change color and texture so it can blend into its surroundings. This talent helps it evade predators like sharks and seals while waiting for prey.

Oh no, our friend needs help...

Sadly, the survival of the Giant Pacific Octopus is under threat due to human activities. Habitat destruction from coastal development and commercial fishing disturbs the rocky crevices and kelp forests they call home. Pollution, especially plastic waste, poses an even greater danger. These curious creatures often mistake plastic for food, which can lead to fatal blockages or poisoning. Additionally, microplastics ingested by their prey accumulate in their bodies, further endangering their health.

The animal I identify most with is the Giant Pacific Octopus.



They're intelligent and clever, but all they really want is to be alone in their cave and eat crab



They have it all figured out.

Beatrice the Biologist

Audience & Purpose

Audience: Families and children aged 8–14 visiting an aquarium

Purpose: This educates the audience about specific threats and practical actions they can take, enhancing engagement and promoting conservation. I want to give aquarium visitors more knowledge about the unique biology, and behaviors of the Giant Pacific Octopus in an engaging and visually captivating way.

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