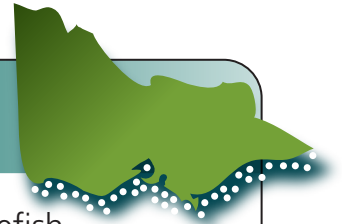


Giant Australian Cuttlefish

Chameleons of the sea



Habitat



Giant Australian Cuttlefish can be found in coastal waters of Victoria. You might find them exploring rocky reef shelves or hiding under rocks.

Shelter



Giant Australian Cuttlefish rest and find shelter under ledges in rocky reefs. They change colours and patterns to blend in with seaweed, seagrass or kelp in rocky places.

Food



Cuttlefish are clever, hidden hunters. They use camouflage to blend in and sneak up on their prey. Their favourite foods to munch on are crabs, shrimp and fish.

Protection



Giant Australian Cuttlefish are masters of disguise. They can change colour and pattern to hide from predators. They will confuse predators by squirting black ink clouds. They can escape by squirting jets of water and speeding away.

Care



Marine Rangers care for our ocean habitats and the special breeding places of the cuttlefish. We can look after cuttlefish by protecting marine parks.

Features

Giant Australian Cuttlefish:

- Are the cousins of octopus and squid
- Use their fins to swim
- Move backwards by squirting water from underneath their body
- Have eight tentacles that dangle like arms and two tentacles for feeding
- Have soft skin that changes colours and patterns
- Have blue blood, three hearts, a beak and a donut-shaped brain
- Squirt black ink to confuse predators

