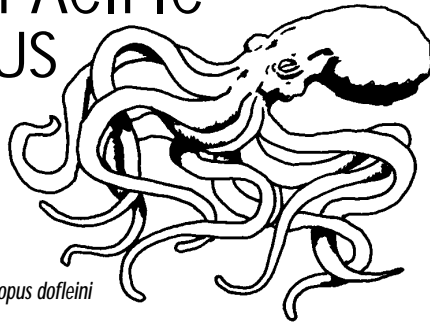


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# GIANT PACIFIC OCTOPUS



**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *Octopus dofleini*

Octopuses are very intelligent invertebrates with highly developed brains and excellent vision. They are renowned escape artists. Their tentacles allow them to grip prey, crawl about the sea floor, and move heavy objects. Their average arm span is 10-12 feet, and they weigh around 50 pounds. This species is found throughout the northern Pacific Ocean.



**STATUS:** Stable



**DIET IN THE WILD:** Crabs, clams and fish

**ZOO DIET:** Fish



**FUN FACT:** Their eight sucker-covered **tentacles** are strong and flexible. They swim by moving their webbed arms or by "jet propulsion," sucking in water and squirting it out. They are known to change color instantly, which helps camouflage them, transmit their moods, and confuse enemies.