

OCTOPUSES ARE AMAZING!

300 SPECIES

Scientists have identified around 300 species worldwide.

LARGEST OCTOPUS

The largest octopus is the Giant Pacific Octopus who can weigh over 70 kilograms.

SMALLEST OCTOPUS

The smallest octopus is the *Octopus wolfi* who weighs less than a gram & would fit on the tip of your finger.

SOLITARY CREATURES

Octopuses prefer to live alone, as they see one another as competitors for food.

JUST LIKE HUMANS...

Octopuses can feel pain. Studies have shown that they can even remember and anticipate future pain.

INKY'S GREAT ESCAPE

Back in 2016, Inky decided he'd had enough of life in captivity at the National Aquarium in Napier. He made his getaway by slipping through a gap in his tank and made his way across the floor. Inky then slid through a drainpipe which led to the sea — freedom!

INK

When threatened, octopuses can shoot ink from their body, confusing predators and giving the octopus time to get away.

MIMIC

They can even mimic other sea creatures! If a predator does manage to grab an octopus, never fear! They will simply remove their arm, escape and regrow it later.

CAMOUFLAGE

They can also camouflage themselves by changing the colour and texture of their skin.