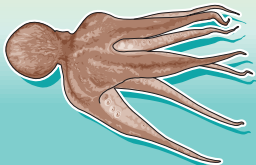


# New Zealand fishermen land massive squid

A fishing crew has caught what is believed to be the largest colossal squid ever found. The squid, weighing an estimated 450kg and measuring about 10m long, is the first adult colossal squid landed intact

## Sea monsters: From myth to reality

For centuries, the world's largest invertebrates have inspired fear and fascination. Only recently has scientific evidence disputed legend



### Giant Pacific octopus, *Octopus dofleini*:

Largest of over 100 officially recognized species.

Length: **Up to 10m** (arm to arm)

### Giant squid, *Architeuthis dux*:

Length: **Up to 18m**

### Colossal squid, *Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni*:

Armed with scores of razor-sharp hooks to snag prey and fend off attack from sperm whales.

Length: **Unknown**

