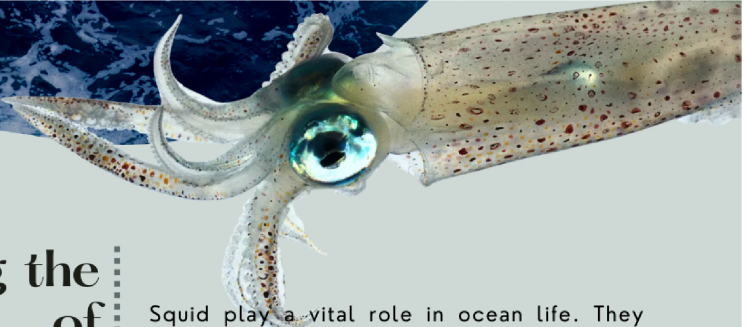


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## Squid are among the most intelligent of invertebrates

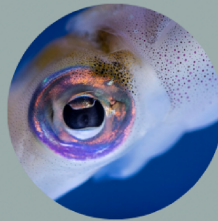
Squid have elongated tubular bodies and short compact heads with eyes on the sides of the head. Two of the ten arms have developed into long slender tentacles with expanded ends and four rows of suckers with toothed rings.

Squid play a vital role in ocean life. They are food for larger marine animals like dolphins, whales and sea lions, alongside fish like salmon and tuna, and some sea birds. Squid also act as biological pumps as they eat and move across our oceans, they transport carbon and nutrients between marine ecosystems.

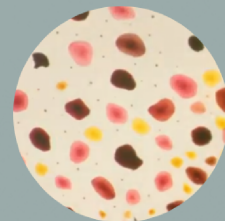
## Defence mechanism



It can release ink when they feel threatened



Squid use large eyes to spot predator



Able to camouflage using chromatophores

## Threat to squid population

Increase demand for squid consumption has led to **overfishing!**

Some area saw an 800% increase in squid fishing in the last five years.

It's wiping out populations of marine life and altering the ecosystems on which our lives depend.

## What need to be done

- Gazette more marine park to protect and conserve marine habitat.
- Enforce stricter fishing regulation.
- Supporting sustainable fishing practices.