

The Cunning Tactics of the Geography Cone Snail

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The geography cone (*Conus geographus*) is a tropical sea snail that hunts fish. When a prey swims past, it will release a cloud of specialised [insulin](#) that induces a plunge in blood sugar level. The fish then experiences [hypoglycaemic shock](#) and is left sluggish, leading to easy capture. Other cone snail species can also fire a harpoon-like [proboscis](#). This has led to at least 30 human deaths while trying to collect their exquisite shells.