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This planktonic octopus, photographed by Tor Ivan Karlsen, was collected at 600 m depth at the Maud Rise seamount in the Weddell Sea, off Dronning Maud Land, during the 2000/01 Norwegian Antarctic Research Expedition. The expedition, which was led by the Norwegian Polar Institute, involved collaborative scientific investigations carried out on land and at sea by a number of Norwegian research institutions as well as South African universities.



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