

The Paralyser

Could you picture yourself at the bottom of the ocean face to face with the most venomous creature in the world? Such a creature is a snail that has a beautiful patterned shell that's known as DRUMROLLLLL ... The cone snail!

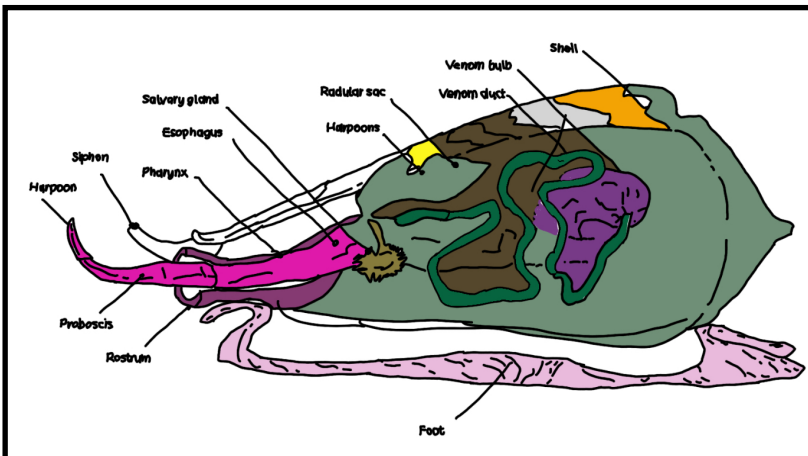
The Dangerous Mollusc of the Ocean

Diving down the dark deep ocean, cone snails live in sand and rubble. This big environment is home to many creatures. It is also home to a dangerous creature known as the cone snail.

Imagine you've been studying the cone snail for years now and know its habitat, its every move and where it lives. You decide to find one and you do! You follow it down into the deep ocean down to the coast of Florida, then to the Indian Ocean, Pacific Oceans and the Red Sea. You see so many interesting things, including a fine cone snail catch its prey! Wouldn't that sound so amazing. And then you could return home have so many wonderful pictures you took of the cone snail.

Diet/food

These small creatures paralyse their prey. They are known as 'Hunters' as they hunt for fish, snails and worms. Walking and swimming long miles, they hide in the sand and when prey comes along it paralyzes the prey and consumes it whole. Then the cone snail goes back to its hiding spot.



Design and Environment of the Deadly Cone Snail

The vicious cone snail has been designed to fit into small holes. They hide in the dark deep ocean to search for prey and then will run and swim away from predators hiding from them. And last of all drum roll pleaseeeeeee..... Cone snails hide in sand and rubble to seek prey to eat for lunch breakfast and dinner.

Venomous Sting

Cone snails are small creatures but very intelligent and with very unique shells. Interestingly these creature's shells come in a range of colour, shapes and patterns. Its most useful feature is its harpoon as it is used primarily for self defence and hunting.

The Endangered Molluscs

Unfortunately, the most dangerous creature in the sea is endangered! And most of their dangers are caused by humans, like coastal development, pollution, destructive fishing and climate change resulting in rapid species lost. Worst of all, scientists have been experimenting with cone snails for medicines and for their dangerous venom. We should let the cone snail just be!