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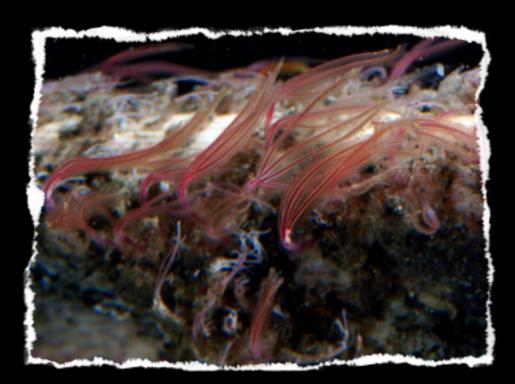
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ホネクイハナムシ類は2004年にカリフォルニア沖に沈んだ鯨の骨から発見されたゴカイの仲間で口も消化管も肛門も持っていません.

Osedax woms were discovered from sunken whale carcasses off California in 2004. These worms have no mouth, no gut and no mouth.





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ホネクイハナムシ類は赤く大きなエラを骨の外に広げ、酸素を吸収します. *Osedax* worms stick their gill out the whale bones and absorb oxygen through the gill.









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Osedax worms have a large root (red circle) penetrated into whale bones and consumes nutrients in the bones via a "root".

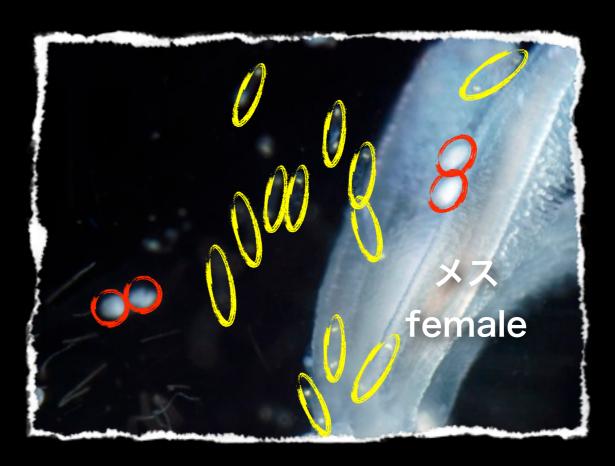






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赤い大きなエラを持つ個体は全てメスで、オス(<mark>黄丸</mark>)は卵(<mark>赤丸</mark>)からほとんど成長せず、メスに付着して暮らしています。

Females have a red, large gill but not males. The males (yellow circle) are almost the same size with eggs (red circle) and attach to the female trunk.



