

**GIANT ALIEN KILLER WORM INVADES THE DEEP**

The Deep, Hull's award-winning aquarium has revealed that it has recently discovered an alien killer worm behind the scenes in its quarantine facility. The giant fish eating, metre-long Bobbit worm was discovered amongst some rocks which one of the Deep's unsuspecting aquarists was moving to a tank display.

Shocked aquarist Seb Prajsnar explains,

"I had just put my hands in one of our quarantine tanks and was just lifting a rock when out shot a massive worm which seemed to have appeared from nowhere! I've never seen anything like it - It looked like something straight out of a science fiction movie! I shouted out to my colleagues who came to see for themselves. We identified this alien-like creature as a Bobbit worm, famous for its incredible jaws, which are twice its body width.

The Bobbit worm is among the longest worms in the world and there are reports of them growing up to three metres in length. The Bobbit tends to be nocturnal, lying in ambush in sand and rocks, like a living bear trap. It then snaps shut its deadly jaws on its unsuspecting prey!"

Despite his initial shock, Seb has now become quite attached to the alien worm, and is giving it round the clock care, in its own special tank.

Colin Brown, The Deep's Chief Executive commented,

"Naturally we were shocked to be faced with this unexpected creature. Thank goodness Seb discovered the potential menace before it caused more damage. The occasional Bobbit worm has cropped up in other aquariums – but sadly they have been discovered too late, as the answer to spates of unexplained fish disappearances. Our alien is safely in its own tank, under the watchful eye of our staff"

Mr Brown has taken the decision to put the creature on public display, in its own special tank, during October half term. This incident clearly demonstrates the importance of quarantine facilities.

Half term at The Deep

Award winning 3D Movie, The Curse of Skull, Pirate fun and shenanigans.

View the giant killer alien worm in its tank, daily October 24 – November 1 in the Northern Seas Gallery.

**Note to Editors**

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The Bobbit Worm lives in sandy or silty areas off sheltered beaches at depths of 1 to 25cm. Unique to the animal kingdom, its massive jaw structure is twice the body width.

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