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Upside Down Jellyfish at The Deep

The Deep has unveiled a curious new animal as the jewel in the crown on a new display. Cassiopea, also known as the upside down jellyfish is unusual as it spends its life with its bell (or head) resting on the bottom of the ocean!

The Deep's latest animal to go on display joins a number of different jellyfish species cared for at The Deep.

Jellyfish aquarist Tom Rowe explains,

"The upside down jellyfish is one of the most curious of jellies. It gets its name from living with its bell resting on the bottom of the ocean. It has frilly tentacles which it uses to reach up into the water column and capture plankton which it feeds on. Their tentacles also absorb light for photosynthetic algae which lives inside its body."

The new upside down jellyfish tank is located in Deep Blue One at The Deep, and is the jewel in the crown of the aquarium's Research and Conservation display, which enables the public to discover the work that goes on behind the scenes. The Deep has been particularly successful in culturing jellyfish and supplies to other aquariums around Europe.

Background:

Cassiopea mostly lives in sandy areas and seagrass beds.

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