海百合

延续至今的“海中花朵”

海百合并不是植物，而是一类古老的棘皮动物，与海星、海胆等是近亲。它们具有从身体中央向外伸展的羽状腕，腕上密布细小分枝，可以展开成花朵般的形态，从水流中过滤浮游生物和有机颗粒作为食物。今天仍生活在深海中的海百合保留着许多祖先特征，与远古化石惊人相似。

Crinoidea

The “Flowers of the Sea” Surviving to the Present

Crinoids are not plants but an ancient group of echinoderms closely related to starfish and sea urchins. They possess feather-like arms extending outward from the central body, with numerous small branches along the arms. These structures can spread out into a flower-like shape and capture plankton and organic particles from the water as food. Modern crinoids still living in deep-sea environments retain many ancestral features and show remarkable similarities to ancient fossil crinoids.