What is it? Blobfish Essay

Have you ever wondered what is the ugliest animal in the world is? Take a guess, it lives in the ocean at depths of over 2,000 feet, it also has almost no muscle and lastly, because it is slightly less dense than water it can float just above the seafloor. Given up? Why the blobfish of course!

The blobfish is a remarkably ugly fish and it looks almost exactly like jelly. So what could it possibly eat? It actually eats several things, like it eats sea pens, small crabs and microscopic bacteria. It achieves this remarkable feat, by slightly moving over to its prey and swallowing it whole. Then the blobfish digest their victim and deal with it like any other animal.

Now you might be wondering what would eat the blobfish. Actually nothing eats the blobfish because, remarkably, they are inedible. The only thing that threatens these creatures is, of course, humans. Through deep sea fishing they are quickly being killed and will so be on the endangered list. But other than that minor concern nothing really affects the blobfish.

I know you are all dying for to know this so I’ll tell you, why is the Blobfish so ugly? The Blobfish is an aquatic creature so, of course, it lives in the ocean. But lives a level far below where all the usual fish live. The blobfish lives at about 2,000 feet below sea level. That is about 6 (American) football field downward or about ⅓ of a mile. That far from the surface the pressure is several times higher so gas bladders (the reason most fish float) don’t work. The blobfish, through evolution, has evolved to have skin that has enough buoyant force to keep the blobfish from sinking to the bottom. This is remarkable adaptation is why the blobfish is so ugly.

The blobfish is a remarkable little fish. It has adapted to fit its environment where most animals would die. Because of ocean currents it doesn't need to have muscles to move anywhere. And because of the abundance of crabs, sea pens and other food sources it can wait for the food to come to it. The blobfish is one of the world’s weirdest and most amazing fish.