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Dilys Chia, five, checking out the little-known pre-historic Isopod at the newly opened crustacean exhibit at Underwater World Singapore on Sentosa Island yesterday. Found in the cold, dark depths of the ocean, the Isopod is a distant cousin of the shrimp and crab, and dates back about 160 million years.

The 14-legged creatures – 50 small ones about 8cm long and two giant ones about 28cm long – are showcased in a special dome-shaped tank connected to a children's crawling tunnel.

Isopods typically feed on dead sea carcasses, including whales, fish and squids.