

Biology prof says eyeball may belong to big squid

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Word that a giant eyeball washed up on a Florida beach has created a

buzz on the Internet and in the marine biology community.

An assistant biology professor at Florida International University in Miami on Friday said the blue [eyeball](#) may have come from a deep sea squid or a large swordfish. Heather Bracken-Grissom says she started discussing the eyeball with her colleagues as soon as they saw the pictures on the Internet.

A beachgoer found it Wednesday in Pompano Beach.



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Bracken-Grissom says the lens and pupil are similar to the shape of a deep sea squid's eye. She notes that the squid's eyes can be as large as soccer balls and they easily dislodge.

Florida [wildlife officials](#) have sent it to a research facility in St. Petersburg for testing.

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