

COMMON SEA CUCUMBER



GROUP/PHYLUM: Echinoderm

COLOUR: Black – Brown – White – Green – Yellow

MOVEMENT: Tube Feet – clings to rocks

TEXTURE: Soft – Furry

SHAPE/SIZE: Cucumber like – up to 1.8 metres long

HOW IT EATS: Uses tube feet for moving sand into its mouth, absorbs food and ejects clean sand

DEFENCE: Squirts out a sticky stringy substance if threatened
Some eject entire internal organs when startled

FOOD: Some cultures eat sea cucumbers

JOB: Cleaning the ocean floor