

# LARGE SEA STAR



**GROUP/PHYLUM:** Echinoderm

**COLOUR:** Green or Brown

**MOVEMENT:** Tube feet hold onto surfaces

**TEXTURE:** Hard – Bumpy - Leathery

**SHAPE:** Star – 5 arms – if it loses an arm a new one will grow  
Largest seastar has arms up to 60cm long

**HOW IT EATS:** Mouth found in centre of body on underside  
It spits its stomach outside its body and absorbs food across - when finished it sucks stomach back in

**WHAT IT EATS:** Algae – shellfish – living animals

**JOB:** Cleaning the ocean floor

A sea star that is dangerous to touch is the Crown of Thorns – it has venomous spines