



# Black Sea Cucumber

**GROUP/PHYLUM:** Echinoderm

**COLOR:** Black - Brown - White - Green - Yellow

**MOVEMENT:** Tube feet cling to rocks. Move across the seafloor by changing the water pressure in their feet - increasing the amount of water in their feet to stretch them out and releasing the water to contract them

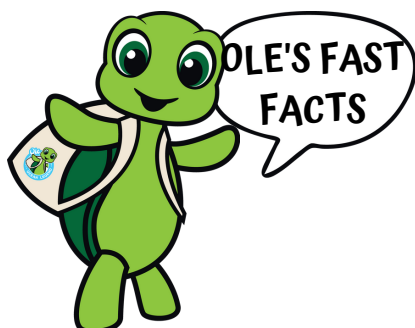
**TEXTURE:** Soft - Furry - Squishy

**SHAPE:** Cucumber like - up to 1.8 meters long

**HOW/ WHAT IT EATS:** Use tube feet to move sand into the mouth. Absorbs food particles in sand and then ejects clean sand

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

**JOB:** Cleaning the ocean floor



**Many cultures in East and Southeast Asia regard sea cucumbers as a delicacy - yum!**