



# Sand Sea Star

- GROUP/PHYLUM:** Echinoderm
- COLOR:** Green, Brown or Yellow
- MOVEMENT:** Tube feet hold onto surfaces
- TEXTURE:** Hard - Bumpy - Leathery
- SHAPE:** Star - 5 arms - if an arm is lost a new one will grow
- WHAT IT EATS:** Small Invertebrates - shrimps, urchins, molluscs, other small sea stars, algae
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- DEFENCE:** Able to detach an arm to aid escape
- JOB:** Cleaning the ocean floor

**The Crown of Thorns sea star has venomous spines. OUCH!**

**The largest sea star, the sunflower star, has arms up to 60cm long!**

