



Sand Sea Star

- GROUP/PHYLUM:** Echinoderm
- COLOR:** Various colours
- MOVEMENT:** Tube feet sucker onto the ocean floor and other 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!

