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Crown-of-Thorns Starfish

Acanthaster planci

The Crown-of-Thorns Starfish is a large, spiny sea star native to coral reefs in the Indo-Pacific region. Characterized by its numerous long, venomous spines and up to 21 arms, this starfish can grow...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Acanthasteridae

Habitat: Coral reefs

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 5-8 years

Weight: 0.5–2.5 kg

Scientific name: *Acanthaster planci*

Did you know?

- A single adult Crown-of-Thorns Starfish can consume up to 6 square meters of living coral per year.
- Crown-of-Thorns Starfish can regenerate lost arms, sometimes regrowing an entire body from a single arm. Their population outbreaks can significantly...

What I learned

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