

Animal Fact Sheet

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Fire Urchin

Asthenosoma varium

The Fire Urchin is a strikingly colorful sea urchin known for its vivid red, orange, and purple hues, adorned with long, venomous spines and shorter, iridescent pedicellariae. Found primarily in the ...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Echinothuriidae

Habitat: Coral reefs and sandy rubble in tropical ocean waters

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 15-30 years

Weight: 200-400 grams

Scientific name: *Asthenosoma varium*

Did you know?

- Despite their formidable defenses, Fire Urchins are sometimes preyed upon by specialized sea stars and triggerfish.
- Fire Urchins possess venomous spines that can cause intense pain in humans. They sometimes host commensal animals like shrimps and crabs among their ...

What I learned

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