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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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