

Animal Fact Sheet

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Green sea urchin

Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis

The green sea urchin is a small, spiny invertebrate found in cold, shallow waters of the North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. Its spherical body is covered with short, greenish spines that provide prote...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Strongylocentrotidae

Habitat: Rocky ocean bottoms and kelp forests in cold, shallow coastal waters

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 6-30 years

Weight: 30-50 grams

Scientific name: *Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis*

Did you know?

- Some green sea urchins can live up to 100 years in the wild under optimal conditions.
- Green sea urchins have a unique feeding structure called Aristotle's lantern, which allows them to scrape algae off rocks. They can regenerate lost s...

What I learned
