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Purple Sea Urchin

Strongylocentrotus purpuratus

The Purple Sea Urchin is a spiny marine invertebrate native to the Pacific Ocean, recognized by its vibrant violet to deep purple coloration. It inhabits rocky shorelines and kelp forests from Alaska...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Strongylocentrotidae

Habitat: Rocky coastal shores and kelp forests

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 20-70 years

Weight: 50-100 grams

Scientific name: *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, Purple Sea Urchins can have a massive impact on their ecosystem, sometimes transforming lush kelp forests into barren seas...
- Purple Sea Urchins can live for decades, with some individuals reaching over 70 years in age. Their spines not only offer protection but are also used...

What I learned
