

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Sea Cucumber

*Holothuria edulis*

Sea cucumbers are elongated, soft-bodied marine invertebrates found on the seafloor in oceans worldwide. They play a vital ecological role by recycling nutrients, breaking down detritus, and cleaning...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate**Family:** Holothuriidae**Habitat:** Ocean**Diet:** Detritivore**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 5-10 years**Weight:** 0.1–2 kg**Scientific name:** *Holothuria edulis*

### Did you know?

- Sea cucumbers have a unique symbiotic relationship with certain fish and shrimp that live inside their cloaca for protection.
- Sea cucumbers can eject sticky filaments or even their internal organs to escape predators, a process called evisceration. They breathe through their...

### What I learned

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