

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Sea Squirt

### *Ascidiacea*

Sea squirts are marine invertebrates belonging to the class Ascidiacea. They have a sac-like body covered by a tough outer 'tunic' and are known for their sedentary lifestyle, attaching themselves to...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Varies (e.g., Styelidae, Ascidiidae, Pyuridae)

**Habitat:** Marine coastal waters

**Diet:** Filter feeder

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 1-7 years

**Weight:** Up to 200 grams

**Scientific name:** Ascidiacea

### Did you know?

- Sea squirt larvae possess a backbone-like structure, but lose it as they transform into adults—a key link to the evolutionary origins of vertebrates.
- Sea squirts have a primitive notochord as larvae, making them close relatives of vertebrates. Some species can regenerate body parts if injured. Desp...

### What I learned

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