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## Violet Sea Cucumber

*Parastichopus purple*

The Violet Sea Cucumber is a striking echinoderm known for its elongated, soft body and deep purple coloration. Found primarily along the Pacific coasts of North America, this species inhabits sandy ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Stichopodidae

**Habitat:** Ocean floor, coastal waters

**Diet:** Detritivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 5-10 years

**Weight:** 200-400 grams

**Scientific name:** Parastichopus purple

### Did you know?

- Despite their soft appearance, Violet Sea Cucumbers possess microscopic calcium plates in their skin for added protection.
- Violet Sea Cucumbers can expel sticky threads called Cuvierian tubules as a defense mechanism. Their bodies can regenerate lost parts, allowing them ...

### What I learned

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