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Animal Fact Sheet

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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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