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Animal Fact Sheet

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Warty Sea Cucumber

Apostichopus parvimensis

The sea cucumber's principal defence is to throw its own internal organs at whatever is attacking it. Under serious threat it will violently expel part of its gut — and in some species a mass of stic…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Stichopodidae
Habitat: Rocky reefs and kelp forests along the eastern Pacific Ocean
Diet: Detritivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 200-400 grams
Scientific name: Apostichopus parvimensis

Did you know?

- Warty Sea Cucumbers breathe through their anus, using a unique respiratory tree structure to extract oxygen from the water.
- Attacked, it expels its own internal organs to entangle the predator, then crawls away and regrows them. Its body is built from a tissue whose stiffn…

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