

Tube Anemone



Description: Tube anemones are in the cnidarian phylum and are related to jellies and corals. The bodies of these animals (no, they are not plants) are elongated and grayish-brown in color, while their tentacles are white to light orange. These anemones do not attach to rocks like their relatives do, instead they bury their tube bodies into the sand to anchor themselves down. This tube can sink down two feet into the sand.

Defense: The tentacles of tube anemones contain stinging cells (nematocysts) which they use to stun predators and prey. Also, they will pull their tentacles inward to hide from their predators.

Range: Tube anemones can be found all along the California coast.

Feeding: Their tentacles not only protect them, they also help catch their food. Tube anemones are filter feeders and eat small invertebrates and plankton.

WOW!!! Tube Anemone's tentacles grow back after an attack from a predator.

