

## Armored Sand Star



**Description:** The armored sand star is a flattened, tanish-purple sea star that camouflages to blend in with the sand. It can grow to be about 6 inches around. Instead of living in the tidepools or rocky shores, the armored sand star inhabits soft, sandy bottoms. This sea star has five arms and has the ability to regenerate, or regrow a lost arm.

**Where they are Found:** Armored sand stars can be found on sandy bottoms from Southern California to Ecuador and from the tide line to 200 feet deep.

**Diet:** Armored sand stars eat small snails, such as olive snails, sand dollars and they also scavenge at the bottom of the ocean.

**WOW!!!** The armored sand star does not have any suckers on the ends of its tube feet! It can, however, move very quickly in the sand...for a sea star.