

Knobby Sea Star

Pisaster giganteus



Description:

Size: to 46 cm

Color: brown and covered with short white spines, each of which is surrounded by a blue circle.

The Knobby Star is sometimes called the “jeweled star” because of the blue and white knobs all over its body.

Habitat: found among rocks in low intertidal and sub intertidal zones

Range: British Columbia to Mexico

Diet: The mouth of the Knobby Star is located on its underside, and when eating, the sea star actually extends its stomach out through its mouth and digests its prey externally. Its favorite food is the California Mussel.

Predators: benthic fish, large crabs

Notes: If a sea star loses an arm, it has the ability to regenerate (regrow) the arm over time.