

RED-KNOBBED STARFISH

- The Red-knobbed Starfish is a carnivorous starfish. It is popular in the aquarium trade owing to its bright colours.
- Starfishes belong to a group called Echinoderms (spiny dermis) along with other animals such as sea cucumbers, sea urchins, etc.
- They have the amazing ability to regrow arms/some parts. You can think of them as the Marvel movie superheroes – Wolverines of the Sea!

DESCRIPTION

Scientific Name: *Protoreaster lincki*

Length: 0.3 m

Habitat: Marine

Distribution: Found in the Indian Ocean, and you can easily spot them in Rameswaram

Diet: Carnivorous



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IMPORTANCE

- A predator and a food source for other species, making it very important in the ecosystem.

FUN FACT

Starfish have many small tube feet that function like a living hydraulic system, where fluid is used to push the retractable tiny feet out for locomotion.

THREATS

Pet trade, unregulated development along the coastline and climate crisis

IUCN

Not Evaluated



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