



Seashore field guide

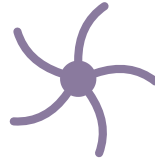
Red border: dangerous. Look, but NEVER touch. Species vary from shore to shore, so you may find things that are not in this guide.



Sea star

Usually five arms. Some can grow back a lost arm.

Look, but put it back in the water straight away.



Brittle star

Thin, wriggly arms. Hides under rocks.

Its arms break easily. Don't pick it up.



Sea cucumber

Eats the sand and leaves it cleaner.

Some squirt sticky threads if they are squeezed. Leave it be.



Sea urchin

Long, sharp spines that break off in skin.

Wear shoes and watch where you step.



Hermit crab

Lives in an empty snail shell and moves house as it grows.

Leave empty shells on the beach. Crabs need them.



Fiddler crab

Lives in mud near mangroves. Males have one giant claw.

Watch from a distance. They dash into their burrows.



Sea anemone

Soft body with stinging tentacles.

Don't touch. Some stings hurt.



Mudskipper

A fish that can breathe out of water and hop across the mud.

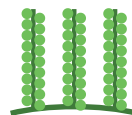
Stay still and watch it skip.



Seagrass

A flowering plant that lives underwater. Turtles eat it.

Try not to trample seagrass beds.



Sea grapes (lato)

A seaweed that looks like tiny green grapes. Many Filipinos eat it.

Only collect it with an adult who knows the rules.



Cone shell

A snail in a cone-shaped shell. Its sting can kill.

NEVER pick up a cone-shaped shell, even an empty-looking one.



Stonefish

Looks like a rock. Its spines hold strong venom.

Always wear shoes in shallow water.