Phylum Echinodermata Class Asteroidea Order Forcipulatida Family Asteriidae

Sclerasterias heteropaes

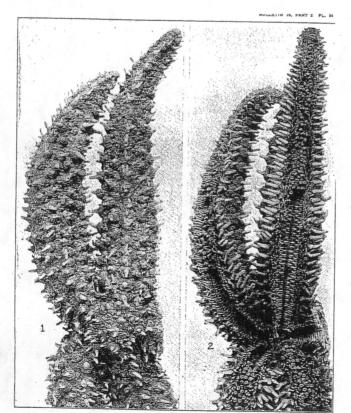
Coloration: Chocolate brown w/ beige bands and cream colored spines

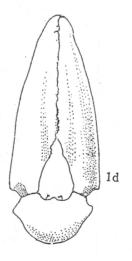
Number of Arms: Five Unequal Rays

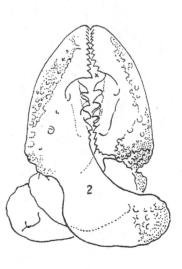
Defining Characteristics:

- All cushions touching each other
- Rays constricted at base and tapering at ends
- One thick spine inserted into each round flesh cushion
- Cushion surrounding spine is scaled
- Large rows of cushions and spines in center of arm
- Smaller rows of cushions and spines in between large cushions
- Arms cleaved sharply
- Cushions large and conspicuous

Illustration







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