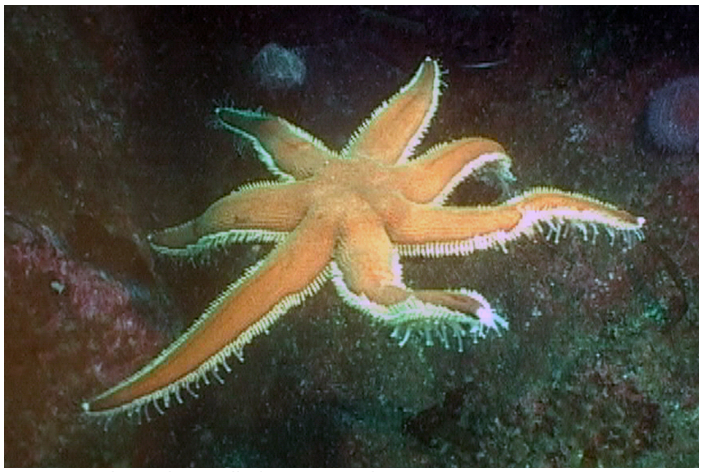
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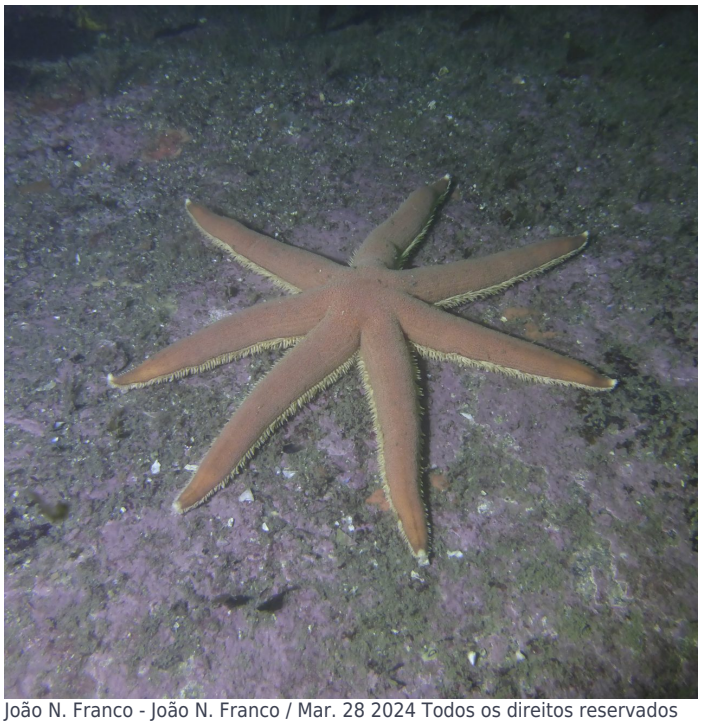
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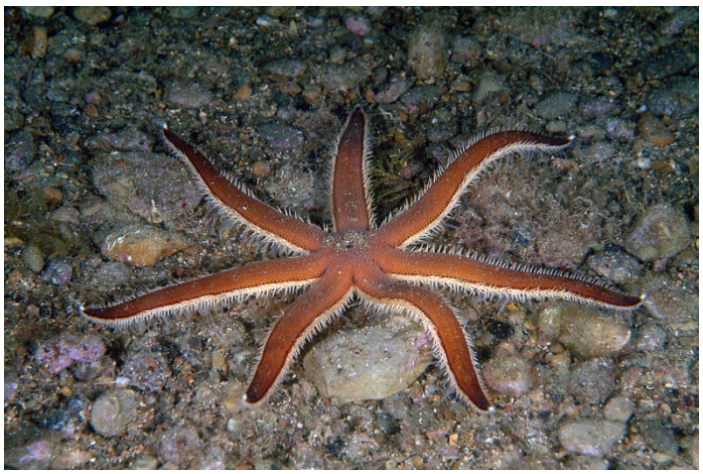
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Description

Luidia ciliaris is a large starfish, typically 40 cm across and occasionally up to 60 cm. It is red, orange-brown or yellow in colour and lighter on the underside. There are seven long arms that are a constant

width along their length, tapering only at their outer end. A fringe of short white spines projects down the margins of each arm. The tube feet are long and have no suckers.

Geographic distribution

Found from the Faeroe Islands to Cape Verde and in the Mediterranean.

Habitat and ecology

Found on sand, gravel, mixed sediments and rock from the lower shore to about 400 m. May partly burrow into soft sediments.

Identifying features

- A large starfish, typically up to 40 cm in diameter, may occasionally reach 60 cm.
- Orange-brown or reddish in colour and lighter on the underside.
- 7 long arms that taper only at their outer ends.
- A conspicuous fringe of stiff, white spines projects from the margins of each arm.
- The tube feet are long and have no suckers.

Identity confusions:



Astropecten aranciacus
Estrela-do-mar

Synonyms

Asterias ciliaris Philippi, 1837
Asterias imperati Delle Chiaje, 1841
Asterias pectinata Couch, 1840

Hemicnemis ciliaris (Philippi, 1837)
Luidia fragilissima Forbes, 1839

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