

**[WANTED: your observations of six-rayed sea stars \(Leptasterias spp.\)](#)**

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Dr. Sarah Cohen at SFSU/Romberg Tiburon Center & fellow researchers are gathering information on the distribution and abundance of the six-armed sea star, *Leptasterias* spp., and in particular are seeking observations of these starfish by divers. *Leptasterias* are a small starfish, typically 1 to 2 inches across, with 6 arms, are typically grey, brown, or pink mottled with white, and have a rough texture. (see <http://seanet.stanford.edu/RockyShore/Echinodermata/index.html#Leptasterias> for an image)

Information about sightings of both healthy or wasting stars can be reported to <http://seastarwasting.org/>

Please also see the flyer asking for diver reports.

<http://www.eeb.ucsc.edu/pacificrockyintertidal/data-products/sea-star-wasting/Leptasterias%20Subtidal%20Flier.pdf>

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Thanks!

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