Northern Pacific Seastar  
*Asterias amurensis* (Lütken, 1871) Echinodermata: Asteroidea: Asteriidae

**Status**  
Exotic (established in Australia) High Impact Pest Species

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**Distribution - Regions**  
Australasian - Oceanian  
South and South-East Asia

**Distribution - Notes**

**Diagnostic Characters:**

- **Colour:** mainly yellow with purple hues, particularly near the tips of the arms;
- **Number of arms:** 5;
- **Arm radius:** to 25cm;
- **Further description:** Arms are gradually tapered to a pointed tip. The convex dorsal surface is covered in irregular rows of small spinelets.

**Broad Sweep**  
Marine

**Commodity**  
Marine

**Specifics**

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**Web links**  
*None Listed*

**Padil links**  
Eleven Armed Seastar

Knobby Seastar

References


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Diagnostic Images

Arm

Caption: Locality: Mornington Pier, Victoria, Australia

Source: Julian Finn, Museum Victoria

Host Damage

Caption: Locality: Mornington Pier, Victoria, Australia
Source: Mark Norman, Museum Victoria

Spine pattern

Caption: Locality: Mornington Pier, Victoria, Australia
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Overview Images

Dorsal

Caption: Locality: Mornington Pier, Victoria, Australia

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