

STARFISH OR SEA STARS

Starfish or Sea Stars were living in oceans when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Fossils have been found in Europe with five arms and a mouth in the middle of the underside. So Cool!

Did you know there are more than 2,000 kinds of sea stars today? They have been found in every ocean in the world. They are not found in freshwater. Scientists changed the name from starfish to sea star because this creature is not a fish. One sea star called the Sun Star can have up to 40 arms. Wow! If a Sea Star loses an arm it can regrow it. Sometimes it takes up to one year to replace.

Sea Stars don't have blood for their systems to work - they use sea water. Luckily, they live in sea water! They have eyes at the points of their arms. When they eat, they push their stomachs out through their mouth. When they are finished it goes back inside. Weird!

