DIVER CITIZEN SCIENCE

SUBTIDAL STUDY
Leptasterias spp. Distribution and Sea Star Wasting Disease (SSWD)
We are studying sea stars in the genus Leptasterias to understand features of their distribution and abundance. We are requesting information on their presence (or absence) in the subtidal to compare to our intertidal surveys.

Leptasterias are small, six-rayed sea stars that have varying coloration (including pink, red, green, white, tan, and brown). Adults are ~2 - 3 cm, but can be larger.

WHAT WE NEED
We would appreciate any of the following information on sightings of Leptasterias during dives:

- Site name and GPS coordinates
- Date observed
- Depth observed
- Substrate (i.e. found on rock, soft algae or sand)
- Size estimate
- Appearance (photo if available)

TO REPORT SIGHTINGS
Enter sighting information at: http://seastarwasting.org/

**If you have a permit that allows you to collect a tissue sample, please email Dr. Sarah Cohen (sarahcohen@sfsu.edu) in advance for further instructions.