

Wickel, Courtney

From: Wickel, Courtney
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 2:06 PM
To: Mah, Christopher
Subject: Forcipulatida ID?
Attachments: IZ1267050Mouth.jpg; IZ1267050Ventral.jpg; IZ1272842Dorsal.jpg; IZ1272842Mouth.jpg; IZ1272842Ventral.jpg; IZ1267050Dorsal.jpg

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Our BOEM summer interns have photographed these specimens (attached), but I can also send them down to NHB (they have been cataloged and have USNM numbers) on the next transport. All specimens in both lots are missing at least one arm.

Have a very happy long weekend!

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From: Mah, Christopher
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Hi Courtney,

the one you sent me pics of is called *Sclerasterias contorta* (Asteriidae). And yes, of course I'd be happy to ID whatever starfish specimens you have on hand. Depending on how many, it might be easier for me to come out to MSC.

Chris

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