

# BULB-TENTACLE SEA ANEMONE

*Entacmaea quadricolor*

Leuckart, 1828



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Anthozoa

**Order:** Actiniaria

**Family:** Actiniidae

No recognized subspecies



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**Identification :** Large specimens can reach a diameter of 40 cm. Tentacles are up to 10 cm long. Their tip is often round and bubble-shaped. Oral disc is usually the same color as tentacles. Coloration variable, from light pink to red or green.

**Range:** The species occurs in the Indo-Pacific region, from Red Sea and East Africa to south Japan and Australia, east to Micronesia.

**Habitat :** Often established in reef cracks and cavities, at depths down to 20 meters.

**Behavior:** This anemone houses zooxanthellae and feeds on their products. Also takes small fishes and invertebrates. Often found in huge colonies.

**Status in the wild:** This species has yet to be assessed but it seems to be very numerous to locally abundant in its large range.

**In captivity:** One of the commonest anemone species in captivity around the world, being known from several public and private collections in America, Europe and Asia. The species breeds by splitting itself into two distinct anemones, in captivity.