

STRAWBERRY ANEMONE

Actinia fragacea

Tugwell, 1856



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CLASSIFICATION

Class: Anthozoa

Order: Actiniaria

Family: Actiniidae

No recognized subspecies



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Identification: Round-body tomato-shaped anemone reaching a height of 10 cm and a diameter of nearly 10 cm. Body coloration bright pink-red with white to greenish-yellow dots. Tentacles are short and dark red.

Range: Eastern Atlantic Ocean from Norway to western Africa, including the English Channel and Mediterranean Sea.

Habitat: Occurs in rocky areas in shallow water areas, down to 10 meters depth.

Behavior: Feeds on small crustaceans, fishes and other invertebrates. Both sexual and asexual breeding observed. Solitary species.

Status in the wild: The species is still fairly common in its range where rocky coasts are relatively well preserved. Always occurs at low densities.

In captivity: This species is the commonest of its genus in captivity but remains rare overall. It's occasionally displayed but not bred in European aquariums. Perhaps occasionally exported to American aquariums but that must be a rare occurrence.