

A note on heart urchins and sand dollars washed ashore

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Large quantities of fragile skeletons (Tests) of heart urchins and sand dollars were found washed ashore in Mudaliar kuppam, village and Pudukuppam village of Villupuram district during



Maretia planulata (dorsal view)

September 2017. Out of hundreds of broken skeletons as well as a few intact pieces washed

ashore, *Maretia planulata* (Tiny maretia heart urchin) and *Echinodiscus bisperforatus* (Keyhole sand dollar) were identified. Sand dollars are collected for making souvenirs, curios and



Echinodiscus bisperforatus

aquarium trade. Collection of live specimens is illegal.