



Video transcript
How to collect sea anemones
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- Sea anemones are very versatile animals.
- You can find them in hard substrates, or burrowed in the sand, or also in crevices and cracks, or inside other organisms, like sponges.
- First, it is very important to take an image in the field when the anemone is undisturbed.
- After that, another image after disturbing the sea anemone is also very useful.
- Like that, you might see it contracted and the form may vary a lot.
- To collect the anemones, you should softly remove the base of the animal from the substrate.
- It is very important not to damage the base.
- In some cases, removing the base of the animal from the substrate is very difficult.
- So, if there is the possibility to actually take the substrate with you, you can do that.
- After you have your specimen, you should put it in your collecting bag, and you should take an image of that bag, so you know which image corresponds with which specimen.
- Take an image of your gauge to record the depth where the anemone was collected.
- Finally, once the anemone is in your collecting bag, you should make sure that there is enough water so they do not get squished, and they can make it back to the lab.
- A bucket full of seawater is very helpful to assure the animal makes it to the lab in good condition.