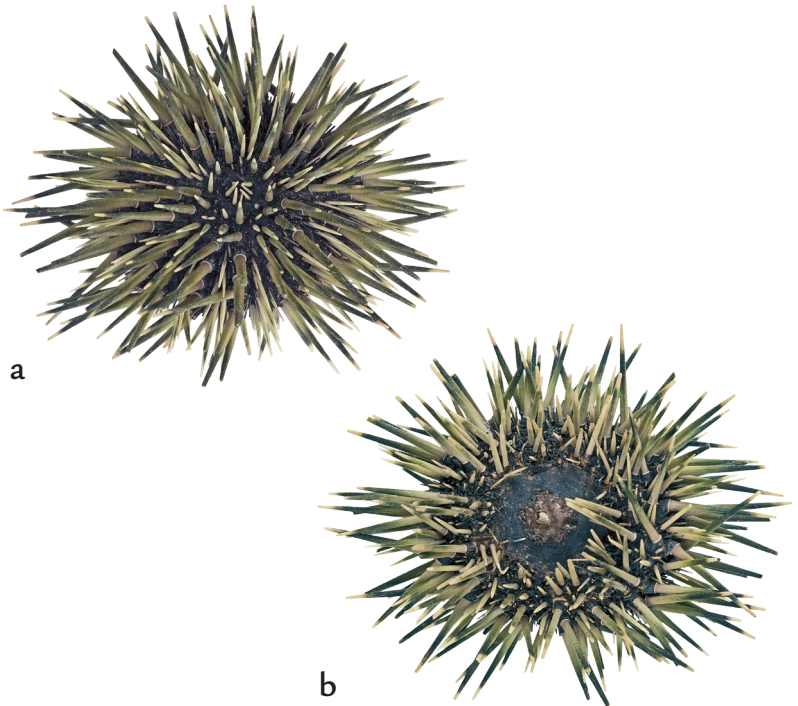


Stasis in an Urchin

The urchin, *Echinometra lucunter*, is an example of stasis through a stratigraphic interval of supposedly about 23 million years, and is still living. This purported long age implies morphological stability during numerous major environmental changes. This lack of change is easier to explain in a shorter time model.



A burrowing urchin, *Echinometra lucunter*

a: Dorsal view of the animal | **b:** Ventral view of the animal

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