

Tunicate (solitary) - *Cnemidocarpa finmarkiensis*

DESCRIPTION The tunic is opaque and smooth, the body is low and dome-shaped to flattened, and broadly attached to the substrate. The tunic is thin but tough and shiny. When out of water, siphons can fully retract and siphons look like small crosses making identity as a tunicate difficult. There are 5 to 12 tubular, hermaphroditic gonads in the atrial wall on each side, but there are usually more on the right side.

RANGE	Circumpolar. Western distribution Japan, and Alaska to California.
SIZE	up to 5 cm in diameter.
STATUS	Native
COLOR	Red, orange, rose or pinkish-red. White when juvenile.
HABITAT	Rocks and hard substrates in areas with moderate to high wave action. Uncommon on artificial substrates.
TIDAL HEIGHT	Low intertidal to at least 50m.
SALINITY	25.4 to 33.3 ppt. (Homer & Seldovia Harbor deep sonde range)
TEMPERATURE	-0.4 to 12.4 °C (Homer & Seldovia Harbor deep sonde range)
SIMILAR SPECIES	<i>Halocynthia aurantium</i> is similar with a smooth orange tunic but it is taller than wide.



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