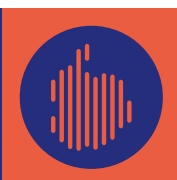


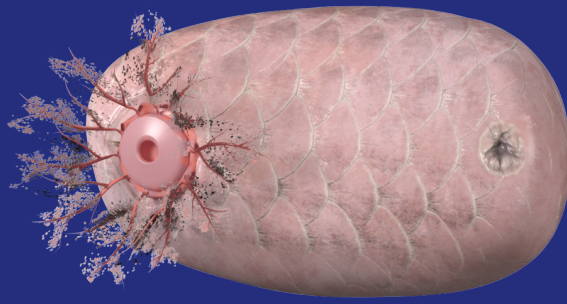
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The genus *Psolus*, a little-known group within the echinoderms, comprises intriguing species thriving in the chilly waters of the Southern Ocean. Typically diminutive, they range from one to two centimeters in size. It holds tightly to the marine substrate and only moves their tentacles to feed on organic matter. Its study is crucial not only for understanding their biodiversity and distribution but also for its role in the nutrient cycles of marine ecosystems as well as their unique adaptations to extremely cold and changing environments.

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