

**South Carolina State Parks**

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TUESDAY TIDBIT!!!! Pork anyone? Sea pork that is! Have any of you seen this washed up on the beach? It almost looks like a brain. It can vary in color from pinks and purples to yellows and oranges when alive. If it has washed up on the shore and is white or grayish, it is USUALLY dead. However, there are a few species of sea pork which are gray or white when alive. What is sea pork? Well, sea pork is actually a community of animals called TUNICATES that live together in a sort of "apartment complex" full of small animals called ZOOIDS (pronounced Zo-ids). The colonies form when these tunicates group together and encase themselves with digested cellulose derived from the seawater.



**Jessy Spikey Wayles** They're related to us, as well! They are chordates although they are very very distant cousins ;)

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**Ann Klein** looks really cool. never seen it though

at 19:08:29 on 8/24/2010 UTC



**Jennifer Miles Davis** I have seen this. Now I know what it is. Thanks!

at 19:16:36 on 8/24/2010 UTC



**Brenda Parks-Arms** Another learning lesson day!

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**Rhonda Moss** Yep, seen one but it was round and actually looked like a brain. Nice to know what it was!

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**Daisy Barbre Ruud** Very interesting. I've been going to the beach since 1954 and have never seen these.

at 20:27:18 on 8/24/2010 UTC



**Nadine Coates Brown** Way cool!!

at 21:10:33 on 8/24/2010 UTC



**Jane Ochsenbein** I've seen these at Myrtle Beach S.P. and wondered what they were. Thanks for the answer!

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