

8. Ordinary Black-fish, *Actinopyga polymorpha*, n.sp. (Chromo XII., Fig. 6).—Body highly plastic or polymorphic, varying in extension from elongate subcylindrical to an obtusely ovate or nearly globular shape; skin smooth in both extension and contraction; locomotive acetabula disposed in three distinct rows; slender tactile suckers developed throughout the surface of the body; vent pentagonal with five conspicuous red-brown anal ossicles; general ground colour of the body, dark seal-brown, or nearly black; oral tentacles tufted, slightly lighter in colour. Average length, in extension, twelve to fifteen inches. Habitat: Reefs exposed at spring-tides, usually secreting itself in fissures of the coral-rocks and creeping out with the rising tide. Of high commercial value.

