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Animal Fact Sheet

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Moray Eel

Muraenidae

Morays are the only animals known to hunt with a second, mobile set of jaws deep in the throat. Because a moray lives in a crevice, it cannot do what most fish do and create suction by rapidly expand…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Muraenidae
Habitat: Coral reefs, rocky crevices, and coastal marine environments
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-30 years
Weight: 1.5-30 kg
Scientific name: Muraenidae

Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating look, moray eels have poor eyesight and rely heavily on their keen sense of smell to find prey.
- Giant morays in the Red Sea have been documented hunting cooperatively with roving coral groupers, which shake their heads at the eel to recruit it a…

What I learned

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