

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Moray Eel Leech

*Zeylanicobdella arugamensis*

The Moray Eel Leech is a parasitic annelid commonly found attached to the skin or gills of moray eels and other marine fish in tropical and subtropical waters. This leech is elongated, flexible, and ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Piscicolidae

**Habitat:** Coastal marine and brackish waters, often associated with coral reefs and estuaries

**Diet:** Parasitic (feeds on the blood of fish)

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 1-2 years

**Weight:** 1-3 grams

**Scientific name:** *Zeylanicobdella arugamensis*

### Did you know?

- Despite their name, Moray Eel Leeches do not exclusively parasitize moray eels—they are capable of infesting a variety of marine fish species.
- Moray Eel Leeches can survive for extended periods without feeding by entering a state of reduced metabolic activity. Their attachment to fish hosts ...

### What I learned

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