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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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