

Animal Fact Sheet

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Ribbon Eel

Rhinomuraena quaesita

The ribbon eel is a strikingly colorful species of moray eel notable for its long, slender body and ribbon-like dorsal fin. Native to Indo-Pacific coral reefs, it undergoes remarkable color and sex c...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Muraenidae

Habitat: Coral reefs

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-20 years

Weight: 0.5-1.0 kg

Scientific name: *Rhinomuraena quaesita*

Did you know?

- All ribbon eels are born male, but can transform into females later in life—a rare phenomenon known as sequential hermaphroditism.
- Ribbon eels are one of the few moray eels that display dramatic color and sex changes during their lifetime. Their extended flared nostrils help them...

What I learned
