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Slender snipe eel

Nemichthys scolopaceus

The slender snipe eel is a deep-sea fish known for its extremely elongated, thread-like body and long, beak-like jaws filled with tiny hooked teeth. Reaching lengths of up to 1.5 meters, yet weighing…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Nemichthyidae
Habitat: Deep ocean (mesopelagic and bathypelagic zones)
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 80-400 grams
Scientific name: Nemichthys scolopaceus

Did you know?

- A slender snipe eel's jaws are so long and curved that they cannot fully close, yet they are perfectly adapted for snagging tiny prey in the deep sea.
- Slender snipe eels have more vertebrae than any other animal, sometimes over 750 in a single individual. Despite their long length, their bodies are …

What I learned

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