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## Spotted garden eel

*Heteroconger hassi*

The spotted garden eel is a slender, tube-dwelling marine fish recognizable by its pale body covered in numerous black spots. It spends most of its life partially buried in sandy substrates, with onl...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Congridae

**Habitat:** Sandy slopes and flats of tropical coral reefs

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 6–10 years

**Weight:** 20–40 grams

**Scientific name:** *Heteroconger hassi*

### Did you know?

- Despite living in large groups, spotted garden eels maintain strict personal space and will fiercely defend the area around their burrow.
- Spotted garden eels rarely leave their burrows, even to mate—they twist their bodies together from adjacent holes. Their colonies can cover large are...

### What I learned