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Animal Fact Sheet

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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

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