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Animal Fact Sheet

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Wolf Eel

Anarrhichthys ocellatus

The wolf eel (Anarrhichthys ocellatus) is not an eel. It is a wolffish, an elongated member of the family Anarhichadidae, and it reaches 2.4 metres along the Pacific coast from Alaska to southern Cal…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Anarhichadidae
Habitat: Rocky reefs and crevices in the North Pacific Ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 20-25 years
Weight: 13-18 kg
Scientific name: Anarrhichthys ocellatus

Did you know?

- Wolf eels are known to become quite tame and even recognize individual divers who regularly visit their dens.
- It is not an eel at all but a wolffish, and it crushes sea urchins with molars in its throat. Pairs mate for life and hold the same rock den for year…

What I learned

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