

SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT "CRITTER OF THE WEEK" SOUTH MAUI SHORE DIVING (808) 870-2738



FRECKLED SNAKE EEL— There are 17 species of snake eels in Hawaii with six of them being endemic. Snake eels have pointed tails, enabling them to wriggle backwards into the sand.

Rarely seen during the day, the Freckled Snake Eel can sometimes be seen with their head protruding several inches above the bottom. Their constant gulping creates continual puffs of sand next to their gill openings. Typically they remain buried by day but have been seen at night on the surface.

They grow to 3 feet in length.

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