

# SPOTTED MORAY

*Gymnothorax isingteena*

Richardson, 1845



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Actinopterygii

**Order:** Anguilliformes

**Family:** Muraenidae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

RARE



## LEAST CONCERN

**Identification:** Large moray species reaching up to 1,80 meters in length. Large head with very wide mouth. Coloration is completely white to very pale grey with many fairly even black round spots (not grouped together or very uneven like *G. favagineus*).

**Range:** The species occurs in the Indo-Pacific area, from Comoros and Mauritius to south Japan, north Australia and eastern Indonesia.

**Habitat:** Coastal coral reefs and outer slopes, down to 30 meters deep.

**Behavior:** Solitary species, mostly nocturnal, often found in caves with its head protruding. Feeds on fishes and invertebrates. Larvae are pelagic.

**Status in the wild:** The species seems to be at least moderately common throughout its range. It doesn't seem to be facing any threats at this time.

**In captivity:** This species is quite rare in captivity but sought after for its nice coloration and big size. It is currently displayed in 6 public collections in Europe. It is relatively common in Asian collections, quite rare in US zoos. Not bred.