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New conger eel species described from Arabian Sea, named after CMFRI



A new species of conger eel, *Ariosoma cmfriense*, described from the deep waters of the Arabian Sea.

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Scientists from the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) have claimed to have described a new species of conger eel from the deep waters of the Arabian Sea and named it after the institute to mark its 80th anniversary.

The new species, named *Ariosoma cmfriense*, was collected from the waters off Kollam at a depth of about 300 m in January 2026, according to a communication.

The specimen was identified as a distinct species based on a combination of morphological characteris-

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tics and molecular evidence. It was distinguished from the 12 currently recognised *Ariosoma* species reported from Indian and neighbouring waters through detailed taxonomic examination, the communication said.

The discovery was made by researchers led by Rekha J. Nair, Principal Scientist of the institute, as part of the Deep Ocean Mission of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.