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A mini guide by the staff of Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium



### Spotted garden eel • Splendid garden eel

These eels look very cute when they are poking out from their holes in the sand. Usually they all look in the same direction because they feed on the food drifting in the water. When startled, they quickly hide in their holes. Sometimes they pick a fight with their neighbors or move to another hole.



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### Alfred manta



The Alfred manta is one of the largest species of rays. When fully grown, it has a width of almost 4 meters. That's about the width of a blackboard on a school wall. It is large, but it feeds on tiny zooplankton. The fins on its head (cephalic fins) look like horns when curled up, but when it feeds or is changing direction these fins uncurl. When food is in the water, sometimes they summersault while feeding.

### Japanese sawshark



The front of this shark's head is jagged like a carpenter's saw. It doesn't saw its prey in half, but uses its unusually shaped head to pin down the prey onto the sea floor. Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium succeeded in the world's first captive breeding of the Japanese sawshark. The parents and their offspring are happily living together.

