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Subject: 2018- These Endangered Seals Won't Stop Getting Eels Stuck in their Noses.

Here's a link to a story from several months ago that I found particularly interesting. Seems likely to me that the eel is taking refuge (albeit incomplete) in the nostrils to escape being eaten by the seal.

No matter the reason, this eel/seal story received global news coverage, as odd things often do. So no surprise. What does surprise me is the sparse news coverage over the past several years to the phenomenon of monk seals in the Main Hawaiian Islands playing/pestering/submerging-to-death green turtles. And, in some documented cases, eating them or at least parts of the comatose or freshly dead turtle. I've included below, as examples, two videos of the many stories in circulation. But, certainly seems there are ample numbers of green turtles in the Hawaiian Islands to withstand these loses. Sincerely, George

<https://bgr.com/2018/12/09/monk-seals-eels-noaa-photos/>

[These endangered seals won't stop getting eels stuck in their noses – BGR](#)

Keeping tabs on endangered animals can be difficult, especially if they're being actively poached by hunters who don't care about the law. The plight of endangered Hawaiian monk seals is the ...

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRI-85VN4cE>



[Monk Seal attacks Green Sea Turtle](#)

Monk Seal trying to catch Green Sea Turtle in tide pool by Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort on Big Island of Hawaii. Early March 2009.

www.youtube.com

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/21799561/video-monk-seal-tosses-and-toys-with-sea-turtle-off-maui/>

[VIDEO: Monk seal tosses and toys with sea turtle off Maui](#)

A rare glimpse of a playful monk seal off Maui serves as a warning for anyone who is tempted to get too close to the animals.

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