

SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT KEAWAKAPU BEACH "CRITTER OF THE WEEK" (808) 870-2738



SMOOTH SEAHORSE—This seahorse lacks spines. Most individuals are black or brownish but white ones have been seen and females are often yellow. Typically occurring in shallow protected sandy bays, if you look very closely and you have a good eye you may see one clinging to the turtle grass. They are usually coated with algae and silt, which acts like a camouflage. In most years, they are very rare but occasionally the species will undergo a population boom and in these years they are considered moderately rare. The Hawaiian population is endemic and grows to about 8" with the tail stretched out....

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