



SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT “CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

COMMERSONS FROGFISH SOUTH MAUI

HOW MANY SMILING
FACES DO SEE???????



The ultimate predator, sitting for hours in one spot, blending in with their surroundings, using their pectoral fins to grasp the substrate like hands. Their first dorsal spine resembles a slender fishing rod. They use it as a lure to mimic worms or fish which brings prey in. The unsuspecting fish, not knowing the frog fish can expand it's mouth 12 fold, is engulfed in as little as 6 milliseconds...far too quick for the eye to see. They are usually born bright yellow. They live on or near yellow sponges until they mature and change color. They grow to about 12” and can be black, orange, mottled, red, pink or brown....They are territorial and can remain in one area for many years!!!

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