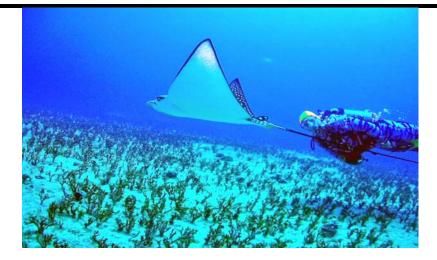


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CRITTER OF THE WEEK!

SPOTTED EAGLE RAY ("HAILEPO") -All rays are cousins to sharks. Like sharks, their skeletons are cartilage, not bone; they have gill slits instead of gill covers; and the mouth is usually on the under side. Except for manta rays, which are plankton eaters, rays are bottom feeding carnivores. They like to forage for shellfish using their large pectoral fins like wings as they seem to "fly" underwater. Unlike their shark cousins, Eagle rays have a distinct head, triangular wings and a long, slender tail that often exceeds the length of the body. They can reach up to 6' in length.

Makena is famous for having lots of spotted eagle rays!

DATE OF REPORTING: OCTOBER 31, 2011 AIR TEMPERATURE: 86 degrees WATER TEMPERATURE: 79.6 degrees VIZIBILITY: 100' +

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