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HAWAIIAN DAY OCTOPUS—" he e mauli "



This is the most frequently seen octopus as it is active by day, especially in the early morning hours. They have been seen in depths in excess of 150' or more, and are most often observed peering from their lair or scuttling over the reef in search of food. They can assume a variety of color patterns and skin textures both to camouflage themselves and to communicate their emotions. They are solitary and spend most of their time in and out of their lair, which is often surrounded by shell fragments. They eat crabs, mollusks and small fish.

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AIRTEMP. 86 degrees WATERTEMP. 77 degrees

DEPTH: 17' VIZIBILITY: 100' PHOTO BY: STEVE MADARAS

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