



SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT

KEAWAKAPU BEACH

“CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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SHORT ARMED SAND OCTOPUS



This animal is typically reddish brown to cream with many small white dots that create a mottled, almost reticulated pattern. Other patterns include darkening the eyes and lightening the body and arms. It lives in the sand adjacent to the reef. Known to only be in Hawaii, this endemic little octopus is rarely seen or only seen as a puff of sand as he buries himself backwards into the sand. We found this guy in a blown out tennis ball.... peaking up over the lip with his two eyeballs peering at us!

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AIR TEMP. 86 WATER TEMP. 77
DEPTH: 40' VIZIBILITY: 50'
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