

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

DEVIL SCORPIONFISH " nohu 'omakaha"



Slow-moving, carnivorous and amazingly camouflaged, this guy usually sits out in the open, it's skin and texture matching it's surroundings. When disturbed, they will move a few inches, exposing their brightly colored fins. Like other marine creatures who display vivid colors, this is a warning to stay away or " I will sting you! " Stepping on one or touching one can be painful but the sting itself is relatively mild in this species. This fisheating scorpionfish usually feeds at night, waiting motionless on the tops of rocks for their unknowing prey to swim by.

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