

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

WHITEMOUTH MORAY EEL "puhi oni o "



This eel often holds it's mouth wide open, perhaps in a threat display or to attract prey. It feeds on fish and crustaceansoften foraging in the day, usually early in the morning, poking it's snout into crevices and disappearing in the reef and re-appearing somewhere else seconds later. Other predators may accompany it, hoping to get a free meal from the left-overs. When the eel enters a cavity in the coral, other fish sometimes block the exit to catch any escaping prey. Grows to 4' and tail is always tipped in white.

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WATER TEMP. 76 VIZ: 40'+

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