

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

LINED SEA HARE—"kualakai"



Seahares are plump, fleshy slugs named for the two tentacles that sprout like rabbit ears from their small heads. Two cephalic tentacles protrude forward. All species are herbivores and they range in size from 1"-8". The Lined Sea Hare is recognized by the fine, longitudinal lines and the numerous pointed projections on the body. During mating season they aggregate by the thousands on the sand, traveling in chains of up to 30' long. If threatened they can squirt purple ink. They can be found in depths of 10' to 100', feeding primarily on blue-green algae.

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WATER TEMP. 77 VIZ: 100'+

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