

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



SCULPTURED
SLIPPER LOBSTER
(ula-papapa)

WATER TEMPERATURE: 81 degrees

DEPTH: 20' VISIBILITY: 80'

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These lobsters occur in warm seas throughout the world. They are flat and wide and almost oval when viewed from above. The rough carapace is notched and bordered by spines and bristles.

The Sculptured Slipper Lobster is Hawaii's most common slipper lobster and blends in well with the rocky substrate. You will not find this guy in caves and overhangs, like most lobsters. Look for him on the tops of the reef.

They grow to 7" but most are much smaller. This guy was full size and a beautiful specimen!

CHECK OUT HIS "MASK LIKE "
APPEARANCE!

