

SCUBA LUV DIVE REPORT SOUTH MAUI "CRITTER OF THE MONTH"

THORNBACK COWFISH- "PAHU"



Part of the boxfish family, the cowfish is completely encased in a rigid armor plate with only the eyes, fins, tail and mouth movable. This species has a pair of front-facing horns and two downward pointing spines under the tail fin. Hexagon-shaped plates form the carapace. They are usually found over mixed rubble and sand and grow to about 5". They form harem-like groups of several females and one male and are easily seen by divers .

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