



LOCAL KEAWAKAPU  
JUVENILE TURTLE...

# SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT

## KEAWAKAPU, MAUI

### “CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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## HAWAIIAN SPINNER DOLPHINS — “nai’a”



Very common along our coast, they hunt in sub groups using echo location. Should predators be spotted they call members of the main pod back together to reunite in defense.

They like to hunt over sandy bottoms, watching for predators at all times. Mornings are a time of celebration as members jump and play, some engaging in actual games . Late mornings the group usually enters a resting state, the school tightens and breathing synchronizes. They don't really sleep in this state , but they do rest parts of their brain and their sonar is turned off. This is why clear water and white sand bays are so important to them.



**DATE OF REPORT: JULY 1, 2012**  
**AIR TEMPERATURE: 86 degrees**  
**WATER TEMPERATURE: 76 degrees**  
**DEPTH: 48' VIZIBILITY: 100'+**  
**PHOTO BY: STEVE MADARAS**

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They are eager bow-riders and extremely curious animals. We have been approached by the pod while on a scooter dive many, many times. They seem to invite us to join the group! They can grow to 7' and have 45-65 sharp-pointed teeth. Dolphins are protected by federal law....

