



# SCUBA LUV DIVE REPORT

## SOUTH MAUI

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These striking urchins have bright red, club like spines that add a characteristic color note to many Hawaiian reefs. A thin layer of live tissue covers the spines and inhibits the growth of algae and other marine organisms.

Their spines were once used on blackboards that were made of slate to write on in place of chalk.

Their Hawaiian name is “ha uke uke ula ula”, meaning “red”.

They are from the family “Diadematidae” and members of this family seldom have venom in their spines.

## RED PENCIL URCHIN

**DATE OF REPORT: DECEMBER 12, 2013**  
**WATER TEMPERATURE: 79 degrees**  
**DEPTH: 24' VISIBILITY: 60'**

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