



# SCUBA LUV DIVE REPORT “CRITTER OF THE WEEK” (808) 870-2738 “ LIONS PAW SEA CUCUMBER”



Also known as Wormfish, Medusa Worm, Sticky Snake Cucumber.  
In Hawaiian known as “ weli”.

From the family known as the “serpentine sea cucumbers”, they have extremely thin walls and lack feet. Hook like spikes help them adhere to the reef . They feed by gathering food particles from the substrate with oral tentacles, furling and unfurling to bring food to the mouth. They are light sensitive so this encounter was quite rare, as they are usually only seen at night. When they sense a predator they quickly retract and blend into the reef. The Lions Paw Sea Cucumber can reach lengths of 4’ when completely stretched out .

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**WATER TEMP.: 77 DEPTH: 31’**  
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