



# MAKENA DIVE CONDITIONS

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## PICTURE OF THE WEEK!

**RED PENCIL URCHIN ( “ha uke uke ’ula’ula” )** - The Hawaiian name means ‘red’. These striking urchins have bright red, clublike spines. A thin layer of tissue covers the spines inhibiting growth of algae. Sometimes there is a small red shrimp that lives on the tips of the spines. Years ago, when blackboards were made of slate, the spines could be used as chalk. It is fun to collect the “pencils”, which you find typically in a small pile after the animal has died. Some people make wind chimes or jewelry from the spines. This is actually two shells, as both the spines and the center (body) of the urchin is collectable! Typically found in shallow water, they add brilliant color to our Hawaiian reef system.

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**AIR TEMPERATURE: 85 degrees**

**WATER TEMPERATURE: 78 degrees**

**VIZIBILITY: 100' +'**

