



# SCUBA LUV DIVE REPORT SOUTH MAUI “CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

“ HORNED HELMETS LAYING EGGS“



Sometimes mistakenly called “conch shells”, males have the longer “horns” and can grow up to 15”! They feed on most species of urchins, but usually the burrowing heart urchins which they dig out with their long muscular foot. The flat base of their shell acts like a “drilling platform”. In early Hawaii, the tip of the spire was knocked off and the shell was blown like a trumpet! Photo also shows purple egg patches.

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**WATER TEMP.: 82 DEPTH: 40’**  
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