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SAND ANEMONE SOUTH MAUI



These are Hawaii’s largest anemones, found only on shallow sand flats. They live in the sand and remain buried with only their crown of tentacles exposed. If disturbed, they retract and disappear. The numerous short tentacles harbor symbiotic algae, juvenile Domino Damsels and a tiny shrimp known as the Ambon Shrimp. The sting is not powerful enough to hurt humans. Outside of Hawaii, the species host the Anemone Fish. Individuals grow to about 6” and are present in Hawaii, Japan and the eastern Indian Ocean.

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