



SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT “CRITTER OF THE WEEK” SOUTHSIDE MAUI

“ HARLEQUIN SHRIMP “



Looking more like orchids than a shrimp, these predators have white bodies covered with large red spots . The pincers expand into broad, brightly patterned leaf like plates and the legs are banded. They occur in pairs feeding on sea stars which they turn over and devour over a period of days. They attack most species of sea stars in their habitat including the notorious Crown of Thorns. Flamboyant, slow moving animals such as these are often toxic and bad tasting. They grow to about 2” and live in shallow water, usually under 40’.

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DEPTH: 32’ TEMP.: 82 DEGREES

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