



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

“ HAWKSBILL TURTLE– honu “



Uncommon in Hawaii, they have narrow pointed bills which are easily distinguished from the blunter bills of the Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle. The scale patterns on their fins and flippers seem more distinct than the Green Turtle and the edges of the carapace are slightly serrated. The nesting season is from May to November . They are omnivores, feeding mainly on sponges and marine invertebrates. They are listed in the ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT and protected under federal and state law. Adults attain a length of about 3’ and weigh up to 300#. Males have longer, thicker tails. They range worldwide in tropical seas.

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DEPTH: 35’ WATER TEMP.: 86 DEGREES
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