



SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT

KEAWAKAPU BEACH

“CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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HAWAIIAN RED LIONFISH (juvenile) “no hu pinao”



Endemic, poisonous and quite rare on Maui! As an adult he will have long dorsal spines and extended white spines on his pectoral fins. Known to frequent the same spot for years, they hunt on small crabs and shrimp. Their spines are venomous and these fish should not be played with. Unfortunately most of these guys have been taken by over-eager collectors so we were so excited to find this guy hiding under a discarded mask and snorkel. We took one shot of him inside the toothpick holder and immediately released him but it shows in perspective just how tiny he was. As an adult he will reach about 8” in length. We have seen the Hawaiian Green Lionfish many times but this is our first sighting of the Red Lionfish!

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AIR TEMP. 86 degrees WATER TEMP. 79 degrees
DEPTH: 37’ VIZIBILITY: 60’
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