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KEAWAKAPU BEACH

“CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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SNOWFLAKE MORAY EEL- “puhi kapa”



These attractive eels have a white body marked with black speckles and bright yellow highlights. They forage in the open in the day, sometimes followed by goatfish or small jacks hoping to get an easy meal of the left overs ! They also hunt at night, using their blunt snout to crush the shells of their prey. They have pebble like plates, instead of teeth, feeding primarily on crabs. They start life as a female and later change to a male. They are most often found in shallow tide-pool-like areas and can grow to almost 30". The Snowflake is generally very docile, at least towards humans. We see this guy on almost every dive!

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AIR TEMP. 85 WATER TEMP. 77
DEPTH: 20' VIZIBILITY: 60'
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