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LEOPARD CONE SNAIL



Cone shells are favorites of shell collectors everywhere. Living cones are covered in an opaque, skin-like

This is usually covered by fuzzy algae and silt, making them look much like a stone, and obscuring the brilliant pattern underneath. Like most mollusks, they are more active at night. They are predators , hunting by smell, waving their siphon to and fro ,looking for worms, snails(including other cones) and sleeping fishes.

Their venom can be dangerous to humans. If you do pick them up, only handle them by the base. The Leopard Cone is Hawaii’s largest cone snail, usually found partially buried in the sand, at depths of about 40’.

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