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KEAWAKAPU BEACH

“CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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“PAINTED FROGFISH”

There are 44 species worldwide. Hawaii has recorded 11 of them— a 12th pelagic species sometimes drifts through our waters with marine debris...

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WATER TEMP. 75 VIZ: 70'+
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Frogfishes are the ultimate sedentary predators. Barely recognizable as fish, they sit for long periods in one spot, blending perfectly with the reef . Their pectoral fins grasp the substrate like hands or feet and can be used to clamber about. Their first dorsal spine resembles a slender fishing rod; a fleshy lure at the tip mimics a small fish or worm which it wiggles to attract prey. They engulf their prey in less than 6 milliseconds...far to quick for the eye to follow! This enables them to capture a meal without the other fish even noticing.

