

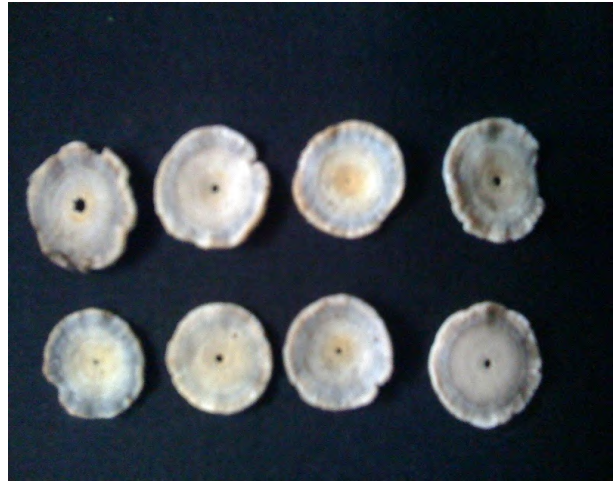


# SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT

## KEAWAKAPU BEACH

### “CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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**FORAMINIFERA**– Can be found in great numbers in 30-35’ feet of water in some areas of south Maui. The name means “ hole bearers”. They are usually referred to as “forams” for short. There are more than 275,000 known species of forams, both living and fossil. Some species date back to the “Cambrian Period”, which is roughly 2 million years ago. A “foram” is a single celled protozoa that leave a shell, or “test”, comprised of calcium carbonate. An interesting fact about forams is that the limestone that makes up the great pyramids of Egypt is composed almost entirely of “forams”.

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