



# SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT

## KEAWAKAPU BEACH

### “CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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**BIGFIN SQUID (“ muhe’e” )** - Most squid are schooling, open water animals not generally found close to shore; this species inhabits shallow inshore waters. For decades, they were rarely seen, possibly a result of over-fishing, but ten years ago they began reappearing again. Like all squids, they have eight arms and two longer tentacles which they shoot out to capture prey. The mouth and a parrot-like beak lie between the arms. This squid is characterized by two expanding fins forming an oval and extending the length of the mantle. By rippling these fins the squid can swim freely. For speed, it jets backwards. Females grow to about 10” and males to about 14”. They mature in about 100 days and have a life-span of 10 months. They are fascinating to interact with...so intelligent!

**DATE OF REPORT: JUNE 3, 2013**  
**WATER TEMP. 79 VIZ: 100'+**  
**DEPTH AT WHICH PHOTO TAKEN: 12'**  
**DIVE LOCATION: KEAWAKAPU**  
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