

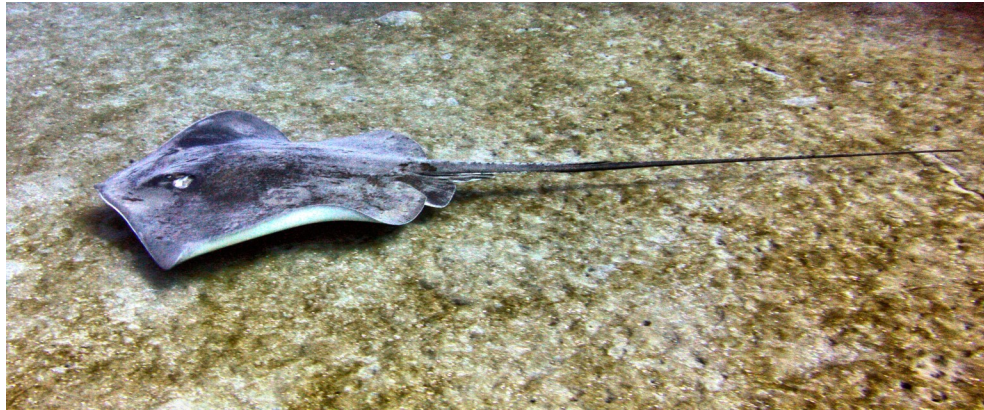


# SCUBA LUV DIVE REPORT

## SOUTH MAUI

### “CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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## HAWAIIAN BROAD STING RAY

Usually lives over sand however divers occasionally find them foraging adjacent to the reef. They leave large craters in the sand as they excavate for buried prey. This guy was not afraid of us. We approached him cautiously and got some great photos. There is a venomous spine that sits atop of the base of the tail. Under no circumstances would you want to position yourself over a sting ray. Their sting can impose great damage.....they can grow to 5' in width with a tail twice as long as the body....**APPROACH WITH CAUTION!**

**DATE OF REPORT: JANUARY 2, 2014**

**WATER TEMPERATURE: 77 degrees**

**DEPTH: 44' VISIBILITY: 80'**

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