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“CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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“ SPONGE CRAB”



In Hawaiian “ makua-o-ka-lipoa”, this is the world’s largest sponge crab.....

It’s limbs and domed carapace are covered by brown, muddy looking fuzz; the tips of its massive claws are bone-white. They have small, closely set beady black eyes and a chunk of sponge held over their back to complete the picture of this awkward, slow moving animal. When sponges are scarce, they will carry slippers, bits of rope, wood or even metal. They are considered inedible and may even be poisonous! The species name means “sleepy”, but we have found them to be quite feisty if challenged! Carapace grows to 8 in. in width....

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