



## SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT “CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

### ANTLER CORAL (BEFORE AND AFTER STORM)



A member of the “stony coral” family, this coral likes to grow off the top of the reef, usually on a rocky point where there is lots of sunshine and current. Since the base is much narrower than the spread, they are extremely vulnerable in storms and break off easily... Stony corals are anemone-like polyps that secrete calcium carbonate skeletons. They are colonial and form many shapes and sizes, often called “heads” or “bommies”. They grow 4-6” per year and some live to be 1000 years old and grow to 25’.

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