

SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT "CRITTER OF THE WEEK"

LAGOON TRIGGERFISH HUMUHUMUNUKUNUKU-A-PUA'A



Considered to be one of the most colorful fish on the reef, this species prefers a sandy habitat, sports a blue hat and yellow lips. Rows of rough, file-like spines at the base of the tail face outward. Both sexes maintain territories and each male's territory overlaps two to three females territories. Pairs spawn at sunrise within a few days of the full moon. Females care for the eggs until hatching, which occurs just after sunset the same day. While guarding her eggs she can become quite aggressive.

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