



## SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT “CRITTER OF THE MONTH” SOUTHSIDE MAUI

### “ ANEMONE HERMIT CRAB“



These resourceful hermit crabs inhabit empty shells. They have a preference for two specific species of anemones which they actually delicately place on their shells. They establish what is known as a “mutualistic relationship” in that they benefit from the protection of the anemones sting towards predators and the anemone thrives on leftovers from what the crab catches! Amazingly, when the crab outgrows it’s shell house and it is time to move into a bigger one, he will actually transplant the anemones onto the new shell! Grows to 2”.

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**DEPTH: 35’ WATER TEMP.: 86 DEGREES**  
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