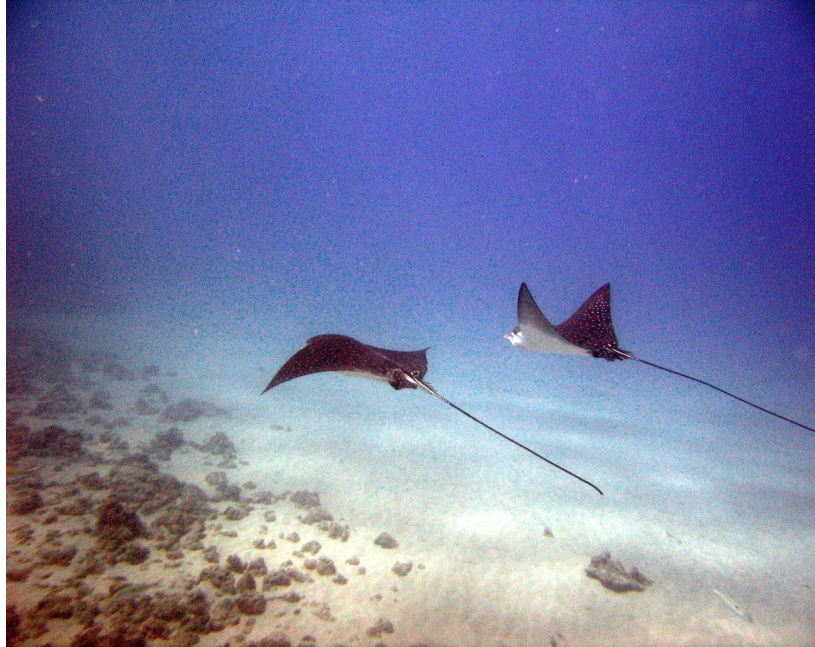




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**SPOTTED EAGLE RAYS ( “HAILEPO”) - Cousins to sharks, but totally unlike them in appearance, rays have flattened bodies, great wing-like pectoral fins and often a long tail. Their skeletons are cartilage, they have no bones. They have gill slits instead of gill covers and the mouth is on their underside. The Spotted Eagle Ray is dark brown with white spots and a long, thin tail. They grow to over 6’ feet in width and can often be seen by divers patrolling the edge of the reef in search of a quick meal....**

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WATER TEMPERATURE: 77 DEGREES  
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