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WHITE TIP REEF SHARK “mano lala kea”



One of the most common sharks species and the only one seen with any regularity on the reefs of all the Hawaiian Islands. The snout is broad, body grayish brown and the tips of the dorsal and upper tail fins is white. Two short nasal flaps, probably sensory, protrude under the snout. They are most often seen in the day resting in caves or under ledges or they may simply lie on the bottom. Whitetips are among the few species that can rest like this, as most sharks need to be moving constantly to keep water moving through their gills. Resting Whitetips may appear to be lethargic but they are far from harmless. Hunting mostly at night, they like to feed on octopus and reef fish.. The shark pictured above is a frequent visitor in the Wailea area....

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AIR TEMP. 85 WATER TEMP. 79
DEPTH: 40' VIZIBILITY: 50'
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