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## WHITE STRIPE CLEANER SHRIMP



Although there are several species of cleaner shrimp in Hawaii, none engage so actively in their trade as these flame-backed cuties! To get your "Shrimp Manicure", check under rocks and crevices; look for their long, flowing antenae fanning the water..... When you find one, you will usually also find one or more Banded Coral Shrimps (NOTE: Check out the back round of this picture...there are actually three other shrimp back there waiting for a turn!). When he jumps on you, be prepared that it will tickle and he may even pinch the ends of your fingertips .....this guy pinched me pretty hard. I was surprised at how strong he was...They are most common on the leeward sides of the islands, inhabiting crevices and holes at depths of 40' or more. Their body grows to about 2 1/2 inches long but their antenae can be much, much longer!

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