

Protecting Kealakekua Bay

Kealakekua, the largest bay along the Kona coast, is home to nai'a (spinner dolphins) and a diversity of marine life. The Marine Life Conservation District (MLCD) protects these special and fragile resources. You can help by not feeding the fish and staying away from the coral and dolphins.

Protecting Ka'awaloa

The cove and lands of Ka'awaloa around the Captain Cook Monument are important cultural places. View the monument from the water and refrain from walking onshore. There are no restrooms available at this time.

Subzone B

Fishing with hook-and-line or thrownet is allowed. All other fishing and the taking and injuring of marine life are prohibited.

Subzone A

Fishing, taking, and injuring of marine life are prohibited. Anchoring of boats is also prohibited in this subzone.

Enjoy the Bay Safely

Boaters and swimmers should exercise caution before entering the bay. What looks like a small swell offshore can become dangerous as it approaches the shore. Watch wave patterns for at least 10 minutes before entering the ocean. Know your limits. Stay out of the ocean if you cannot swim.

The Bay is Our Home



Nai'a (Spinner Dolphins)



Cauliflower Coral



Lau'i pala (Yellow Tang)



Ha'u'e'u'e (Pencil Urchin)



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