



Maui Girl

She was one of the green turtle hatchlings collected at French Frigate Shoals for a science project. In 1981, after a year under human care, she was tagged with the number 5690 and released into the sea of Hilo Bay.

In the summer of 2000 Honu 5690 became the first green turtle to nest at Lahaina. Three of her four known nests were clustered near Lahaina Shores Beach Resort. Subsequently in the next 14 years 5690 came back to nest at 2 and then 3 year intervals on the shores of Lahaina and West Maui. This very fertile turtle astounded everyone as a powerful egg-making machine. Local residents fondly nicknamed her "Maui Girl".

The last sighting of 5690 was in the summer of 2014. No one knows where she has been in recent years. If you are fascinated by this wondrous turtle, search online for more of her stories and pray for her safe journey.

Let's all wish for the luck of Maui Girl coming back to Lahaina again soon!

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