

Thursday's (1st Oct) paper



THE tagged turtle outside Labasa Market yesterday. Jonacani Misikini, 17, (left) and Isei Tilly, 17, take a closer look. Picture: SAMISONI PARETI.

Giant Hawaii turtle caught off Labasa

HAWAII may be far away from Labasa, but not to a turtle.

This giant turtle was caught by Labasa fisherman Peni Waqabulabavu in waters off the Labasa coast on Monday night.

A tag on its flippers proved its origin - Hawaii.

Inscription on the tag reads: "Write - Himb University, Hawaii, 96744".

"When I shone the

torch on the turtle, the reflection from the aluminium tag caught my eye.

"My initial thought was that this turtle has been identified by the fisheries department as part of its fish migration study."

He estimated the turtle's weight to be over 150kg.

He sold it to the Hotel Takia for \$120.

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