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Animal Fact Sheet

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Box Jellyfish

Chironex fleckeri

The box jellyfish overturns nearly everything the word "jellyfish" implies. It does not drift: it swims actively and with purpose, at a couple of knots, and it steers. And it has eyes — twenty-four o…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Chirodropidae
Habitat: Coastal and shallow tropical oceans
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: Less than 1 year
Weight: Up to 2 kg
Scientific name: Chironex fleckeri

Did you know?

- A single Box Jellyfish contains enough venom to kill more than 60 adult humans.
- It has 24 eyes — some with real lenses and retinas that form images — despite having no brain at all. Certain eyes are weighted so they always point …

What I learned

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