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Irukandji Jellyfish

Carukia barnesi

The Irukandji jellyfish, chiefly Carukia barnesi, is a box jellyfish the size of a fingernail - the bell is about a centimetre - with four thin tentacles, and it is nearly invisible in water. Its sti…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Carybdeidae
Habitat: Tropical coastal ocean waters
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6 months – 1 year
Weight: Less than 2 grams
Scientific name: Carukia barnesi

Did you know?

- The Irukandji Jellyfish was not scientifically described until 1964, after a researcher deliberately stung himself to prove its existence.
- Irukandji have eyes - box jellyfish carry clusters of them, including image-forming lensed eyes - despite having no brain, only a nerve ring. Deaths …

What I learned

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