



marinestingers

catostylus

Distribution

Worldwide

Common names

Blubber

Size and appearance

Mushroom shaped bell 5-30 centimetres in diameter. No tentacles, but eight 'fronds' or 'frills' hanging underneath. The sting causes minor skin irritation.

First aid

- Remove any adhering tentacles.
- Wash area with sea water (not freshwater).
- Apply cold packs for 10 minutes.
- Re-apply if skin pain persists.
- Send for medical aid if symptoms persist or worsen.

Did you know?

- Blubbers are in a group of jellyfish called rhizostomes; other rhizostomes have been demonstrated to use a sun compass navigation to migrate.
- Australia is home to many different species of blubbers – most are larger and colourful and give only minor stings.
- Blubbers are often home to a lot of strange marine life, including crabs, brittle stars, barnacles and fish.



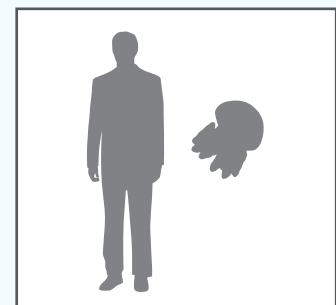
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Catostylus sting



Distribution in Australian waters



Size relative to human



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