

MORETON BAY – VENOMOUS MARINE ANIMALS

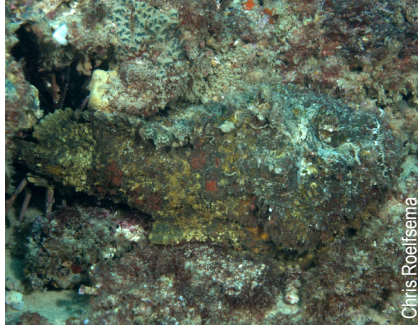
Tips for avoiding marine injuries

- Don't touch any marine organisms
- Avoid picking up shells
- When in the water, always be aware of your surroundings
- Shuffle your feet when walking into the water in sandy areas
- Always take a first aid kit and manual for marine stings

Before you go out into the field, make sure you have access to up-to-date first aid advice. When in doubt, seek medical care.



Stingrays - When stepped upon, spine can cause immediate pain.



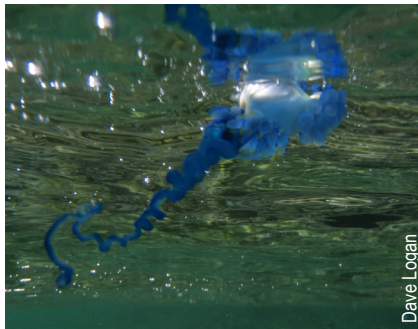
Stonefish - Dorsal spines capable of piercing through shoes.



Scorpionfish - Tips of fins carry poisonous venom and can affect body part in minutes.



Lionfish - Spines have venom and can cause severe pain after a sting.



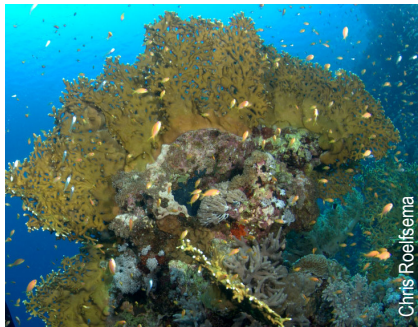
Blue bottle jellyfish - Discharge nematocysts can present complications.



Sea urchin - Sharp and brittle spines which can inject poison. Painfull.



Cone shell - Shoots tiny harpoon (venomous). Painless to excruciating.



Fire coral - Tentacles with nematocysts. Prickling sensation to extreme pain.



Hydroids - Nematocysts. Stinging sensation to extreme pain.



Blue ringed octopus - Serious bite. Painfull, can be fatal and needs treatment.



Box jellyfish - Nematocysts. Serious sting which is painful and can be fatal.



Fire urchin. Stinging sensation to extreme pain.