



marinestingers

cyanea

Distribution

Worldwide

Common names

Hair jelly, Snottie, Lion's mane

Size and appearance

Large flat bell up to half a meter in diameter with a large 'mop' of fine hair-like tentacles 5-50 centimetres long. Bell top is usually white, but often with yellow, brown or reddish colouring under bell.

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?

- A species of *Cyanea* in the North Atlantic reaches up to 3 metres across the body, with tentacles up to 30m long.
- *Cyanea* was used as the murder weapon in the Sherlock Holmes book 'Adventures of the Lion's Mane'.
- Long thought to be one species of *Cyanea* world-wide, scientists have recently identified many different species including at least six in Australian waters.



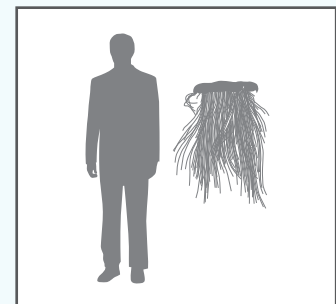
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Distribution in Australian waters



Cyanea sting



Size relative to human



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