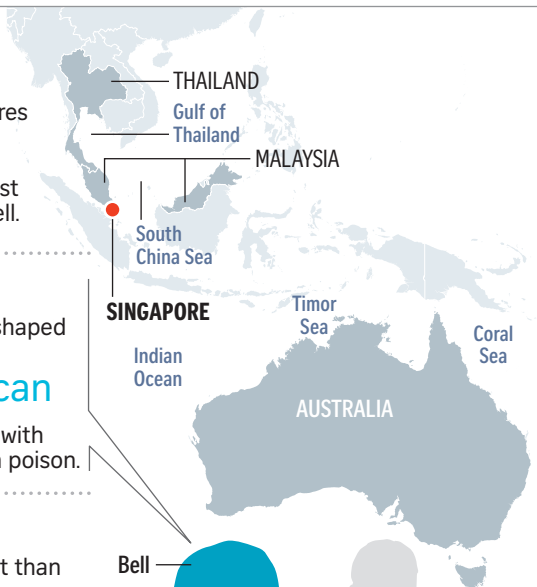


Key facts about box jellyfish

Box jellyfish are some of the most venomous animals in the world.

WHERE THEY ARE FOUND

Usually found off the shores of Australia, Malaysia and Thailand, but scientists here believe that they exist in Singapore waters as well.



APPEARANCE

Named after their cube-shaped bell, box jellyfish have tentacles that can reach 3m, covered with stinging cells loaded with poison.

KEEN EYESIGHT

They have better eyesight than other jellyfish, thanks to clusters of eyes on each side of the bell, which they use to their advantage when hunting for prey.

FAST SWIMMERS

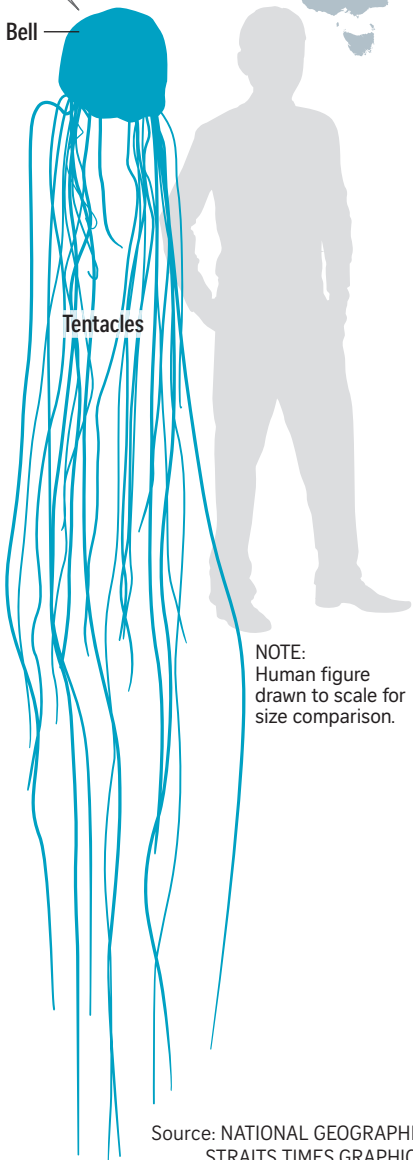
They can also move as fast as an Olympic swimmer, reaching speeds of up to four knots (2m per second).

SIGNS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN STUNG

- Those who have been stung by box jellyfish may experience severe hypertension, extreme lower back pain, nausea and even cardiac or respiratory arrest.
- In extreme cases, box jellyfish sting can be fatal.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN STUNG

- Rinse the affected area with seawater or vinegar.
- Do not try to remove the tentacles yourself.
- Seek medical attention immediately.



NOTE:
Human figure drawn to scale for size comparison.