

# JELLYFISH

- Jellyfishes are a misnomer because they are marine invertebrates that have a hemispherical bell, stinging tentacles and oral tentacles.
- Jellyfishes are made up of 90% water and found in all shapes and sizes.
- There is a species of box jelly 'irukandji' that are extremely venomous and their sting is fatal to humans. India has two records of irukandji stings. Some of the common genera of jellyfishes are Cambrionella, Cyanea among others.

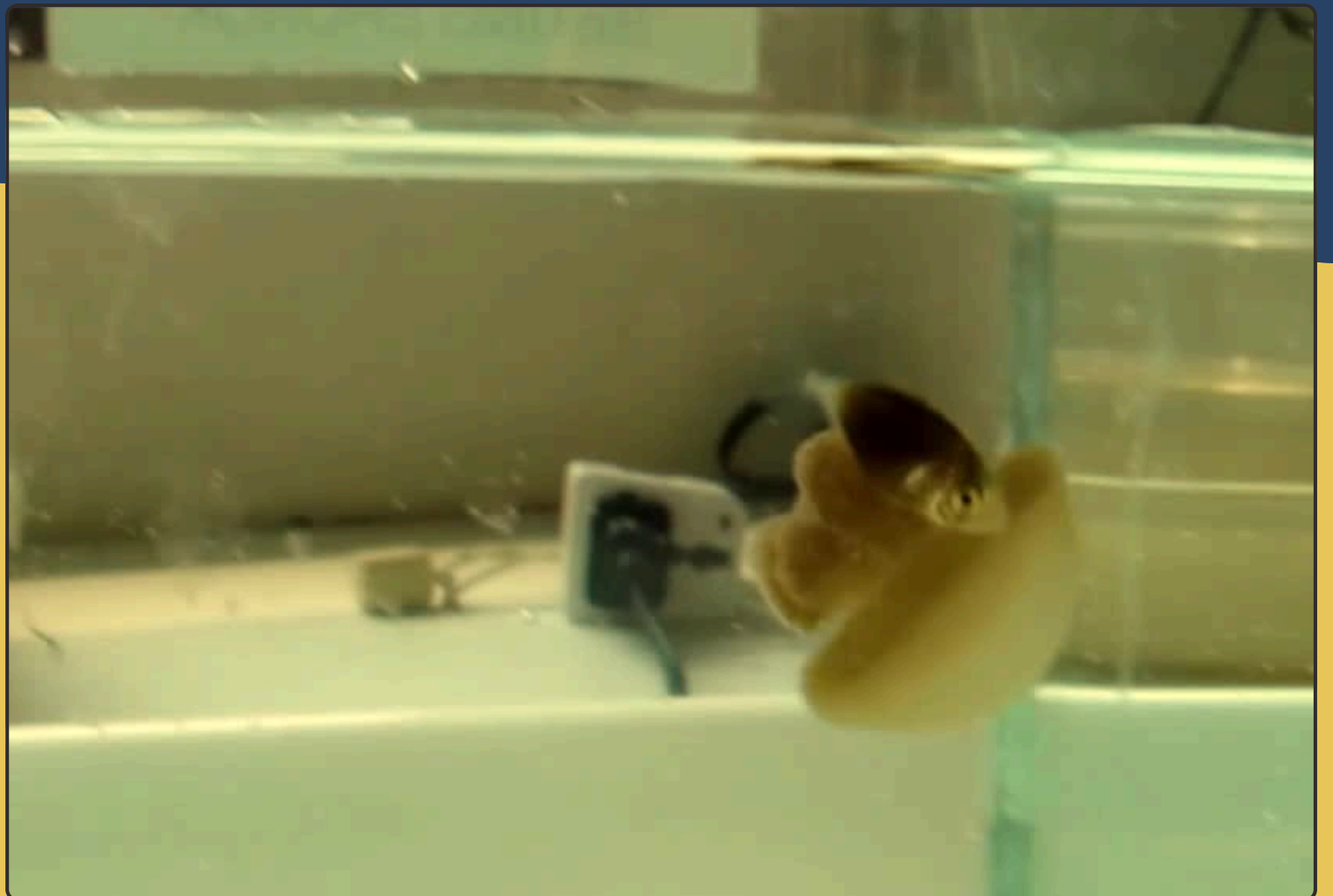
## DESCRIPTION

Length range: 101-140 cm

Habitat: Marine

Distribution: Found in across the oceans

Diet: Small fishes, invertebrates



## IMPORTANCE

- An important food source for turtles
- Predators of fishes and small lifeforms.

## FUN FACT

Jellyfishes don't have a skeleton, brain or heart, instead they have neural network that runs throughout the body. Jellyfishes, as a group, are much older than dinosaurs!

## THREATS

Unregulated fishing, by-catch, predator-base depletion, and climate crisis

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