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## the most venomous marine animal known

Posted by Xtreme Dream Team on Sep 27, 2011 in Blog, Slider | 26 comments



The Deadly Box Jellyfish is "considered the most venomous marine animal known. Pain from a sting is excruciating; shock, respiratory arrest and death can follow within as little as 2-3 minutes."

*This marine creature measures up to 20 cm along each side of its cubed bell (hence the name 'box'), and has as many as 15 tentacles on each 'corner', which can be 3 m (10 ft) in length. Each of these tentacles can have as many as 5,000 stinging cells.*

*There is little chance of a person surviving the venomous sting of the box jellyfish, unless they are treated immediately. The pain is so excruciating and overwhelming that victims can go into shock and drown before reaching the shore.*

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- Steven Munatones, our indie observer, gives us his insights into the Xtreme Dream... <http://ow.ly/6GDvg> about 15 hours ago from HootSuite
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Carol Moore

September 27, 2011

Wow, Diana, these are some of the many obstacles to achieve your goal. I will always admire you for your accomplishments if you attempt your swim again, I will be rooting for you! I wish I could borrow just an ounce of your will and ability to persevere.

Reply



Collen Fales

September 27, 2011

WOW is all I can say

Reply



Ruth

September 27, 2011

You were right to stop. I am awed that you were able to go so far, and challenged to reach higher in my own life, but there is a point at which it is time to say, "No." A box jellyfish looks like one of those points to me.

I am glad you are still with us!

Reply



Karen

September 27, 2011

The fact that you continued is absolutely amazing! Be well.

Reply



Carol S.

September 27, 2011

Extreme Dream = Extreme Ego!!! Don't you realize you could have died out there? This swim is too dangerous.

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zachary

September 27, 2011

cool!!!!!!!

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hey dude

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zachary

September 27, 2011

i would do it for money(more then 100\$)

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tyresejermainwilkinsjr

September 27, 2011

yo wad up zach u see my post

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zachary

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no duh anyone can

Reply



tyresejermainwilkinsjr

September 27, 2011

yo wats poppin home dog keep swimming no matter wat wierd see monsters sting  
u u can do it just never give up

Reply



zachary

September 27, 2011

think im jokin, well im not 😊

Reply



tyresejermainwilkinsjr

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im 2 seats away from u lol

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zachary

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i know how to make justin bieber out of keys ( :putnam: ) it might only work on  
facebook, idk \:|

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nope didnt work

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hey abhhh

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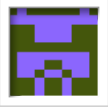
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tyresejermainwilkinsjr

haha ur sitten next to nick he is gay

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September 27, 2011

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killzone

haha

September 27, 2011

Reply



TNTriathlete

Box jellyfish are only found in the Pacific. It had to have been the still unpleasant but much less dangerous Man O' War.

September 27, 2011

Reply



Na'ama

September 27, 2011

FYI, TNTriathlete, while you are right that MOST species of box jellyfish are largely found in the tropical Indo-Pacific; there are some varied species of box jellyfish that are found quite widely in tropical and subtropical oceans, including the Atlantic and east Pacific, with species as far north as California, the Mediterranean and Japan and as far south as South Africa and New Zealand.

The fact they are less likely to be found in the Atlantic might have made it harder for the team to consider that the jellyfish are dangerous beyond being so exruciating (I don't think there's a doubt about this not being classifiable as 'unpleasant'—Diana's team was pretty clear about her pain—she's no whine-baby and if she says she's hurtin' they know she is HURTING). Had they known it was the box jellyfish they might've pulled the plug on the swim earlier—but they indeed thought it was man'o'war at first.

Now they know it was Box jellyfish; and are realizing the magnitude of danger both Diana and her EMT were in.

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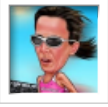
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misszippy1

September 27, 2011

Diana—You are incredible! So sorry you had to encounter these and that ultimately spelled the end of the swim for you. Inspired doesn't begin to cover it!

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Swimming Vacation

September 27, 2011

Kudos to you Diana! Heroic journey!

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large, and look back at all of it with  
no regrets whatsoever."

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