

Underwater Killers

Some of the world's deadliest creatures are found underwater.

Box jellyfish float in some warm tropical seas. They have up to 60 tentacles, which can be five metres long. Each tentacle has thousands of harpoon-shaped needles that inject venom into a victim. The venom is so strong it can kill a person in minutes. People sometimes call them the sea wasps.

Box jellyfish



Deadly Fact

About 100 people die each year from box jellyfish stings.

Blue-ringed octopuses are no bigger than a golf ball. They feed on fish but will attack anything that disturbs them, including people. Their bite is often tiny and painless but their venom is so powerful it can kill a person in minutes. There is no antidote.

Blue-ringed octopus



Deadly Fact

Each octopus makes enough venom to kill about twenty-six people in minutes.