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Blue Jellyfish *Zancleopsis tentaculata*



Jellyfish Facts

- There are about 1000 species of jellyfish alive today. They have been inhabiting our seas for over 500 million years.
- Nearly all jellyfish have multiple life phases, the bottom-dwelling polyp or juvenile phase (above), which reproduces asexually, and the swimming medusa or adult phase (front).
- Jellyfish catch prey with microscopic stinging cells usually concentrated on their tentacles and mouths. Most are not harmful to humans.

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