

# marine stingers

## Carybdea

### Distribution

Australia-wide. Most common in South Australia, Western Australia and southern NSW.

### Common name

Jimble

### Size and appearance

Transparent bell 1.5-3cm in diameter. Four tentacles, one in each corner, 5-15cm long.

### First aid

1. Remove casualty from water if safe to do so
2. DRSABCD
3. Remove any adhering tentacles
4. Wash area with sea water (not freshwater)
5. Place casualty's stung area in hot water (no hotter than the rescuer can comfortably tolerate) for 20 minutes
6. If local pain is unrelieved by heat or if hot water is not available, apply a cold pack or ice in a bag
7. If pain persists or is generalised, or if the sting area is large or involves sensitive areas (e.g. the eyes), dial triple zero (000) and seek assistance from lifesavers/lifeguards if available

### Did you know?

- *Carybdea* often swarm in dense congregations in the waters off Sydney, Adelaide and Perth and may form large schools at the surface or swim over a sandy bottom
- High risk months are spring and summer



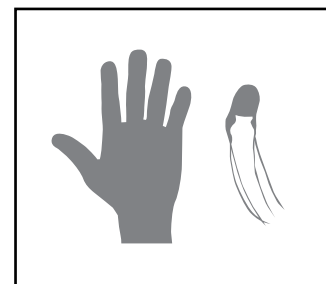
*Carybdea xaymacana*



Distribution in Australian waters



*Carybdea* sting



Size relative to human

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