

Blue Sea Dragon

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Blue Sea Dragon Latest News

Recently, several beaches in Spain were forced to shut down after an unusual invasion of blue sea dragons.

About Blue Sea Dragon

- The blue dragon (*Glaucus atlanticus*) is a type of mollusk known as a nudibranch.
- They also are known as **blue sea slugs, blue angels, and sea swallows.**
- **Distribution:** It can be found drifting on the surface of the **Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans in temperate and tropical waters.**
- They are **hermaphrodites**, meaning they have **both male and female reproductive organs.**

Diet of Blue Sea Dragon

- They feed on **venomous siphonophores** such as the **Portuguese man-o-war** and bluebottle, which also occur in ocean surface waters.

- When a blue sea dragon consumes its venomous prey, it doesn't just digest the toxins. Instead, through a complex biological process, it transports the stinging cells or nematocysts from its digestive system to **specialised finger-like projections called cerata** on its back and sides.
- They incorporate these cells into **multiple finger-like structures** protruding from their body which provides them with a **potent form of protection from predators**.
- The **slug isn't venomous all on its own**, however, it stores the stinging nematocysts created by the creatures on which it feeds.

How does the Blue Sea Dragon Affect Humans?

- Its sting can cause problems, **especially to children and elderly**.
- One sting from this little creature can lead to **nausea, pain, vomiting, acute allergic** contact dermatitis, and post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation.

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