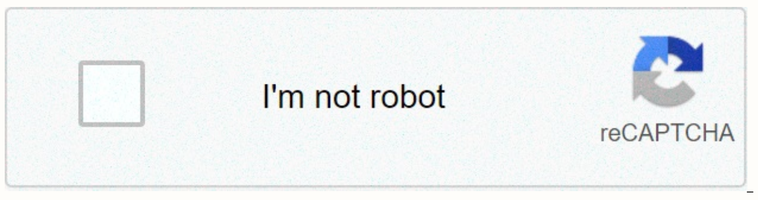

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Padre Island National Seashore/Facebook The rise of the blue dragon on the beach has park officials warning visitors to be vigilant. Small blue creatures washed ashore off the coast of Texas. These eye-catching sea creatures are Glaucus atlanticus, known as the blue dragon sea snails. Although some of these blue dragons have been spotted around Texas beaches before, they are quite rare. A large number of blue dragon sea snails that have been found specifically around padre island state's National Seashore have caused concern among park officials because the animals are venomous. According to CNN, tourists in the park have reported a number of discoveries of blue sea dragon snails. Among them was seven-year-old Hunter, who found four blue dragons within minutes while vacationing on the beach with his parents from Arizona. Hunter loved sea creatures and thought he had found a blue jellyfish button, his father Trey Lane said. After they picked him up in a beach toy, he announced to me that he had discovered a new species! A spokeswoman for the park confirmed that it had received more and more requests from visitors about observations of blue dragons. After the discovery, the park announced a warning on its official Facebook page to remind visitors to be careful with the creatures if they happen to be on one. ... Be amazed because they are a rare find, but also keep your distance! read the announcement. Blue dragons (Glaucus atlanticus) are a unique species of sea snail. In addition to their falo-like body features and bright blue coloring pages, they are known for their simple but powerful defense mechanism. Although blue dragons typically measure no more than an inch, they can attack potential predators or prey with a sting at the end of their fingers. But what is truly remarkable about them is their ability to absorb stings the powers of the prey they feed on. Despite their small size, blue dragons actually prey on other venomous siphons, such as the fearsome Portuguese o' war, which can have tentacles up to 165 feet long. Blue dragon sea snails are small but dangerous. They are very small, so they will catch up with one of those Portuguese about the 'war' and probably won't consume the whole thing because of the huge size difference, David Hicks, director of the School of Marine Sciences at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, told KVEO. But it will certainly absorb some of the polyps that make up the Portuguese colony. When the blue dragon has filled the war of the Portuguese, they are able to stop the sting of the stings from the meal, moving them towards their own stinging fingers to deliver an attack just as dangerous as the Portuguese war sting. Unlucky people to have fallen victim to their hybrid usually suffer from pain, nausea, and vomiting in addition to rashes and localized swelling. To avoid these symptoms, beachgoers who find these blue dragons are warned to stay away from them. Wikimedia Commons Blue dragon from the water looks strange alien. Padre Island National Seashore, which reopened on May 5, 2020, after a coronavirus blockade across the state, contains the longest undeveloped barrier island in the world. The park area stretches through the Coastal Bend area of south Texas and is protected by the U.S. government. While the park is home to countless rare and endangered marine species, recent sightings of blue dragon sea snails are extremely rare. In fact, a spokeswoman for the park said it had never received any reported sightings from visitors until this year. It's not clear why these deceptive sea snails suddenly wash ashore around the park, but Hicks noted that the species is known for joining together, stating that they walk in masses of water. If you see it, you'll see 1,000 of them. Now that you've read about the blue sea dragon snail washing up in Texas, check out seven of the most terrifyingly bizarre ocean creatures in the world and find out why the cone snail is one of the deadliest creatures in the ocean. Species of mollusc Glaucus atlanticus Scientific classification Kingdom: Animalia Phylum: Mollusca Class: Gastropoda (unranked): clade Heterobranchia clade Euthyneura clade Nudipleura clade Nudibranchia clade Dexiarchia clade Cladobranchia clade Aeolidida Superfamily: Aeolidioidea Family: Glaucidae Genus: Glaucus Species: G. atlanticus Binomial name Glaucus atlanticusForster, 1777 Synonyms,[1] Doris radiata Gmelin, 1791 (synonym) Glaucus distichoicus d'Orbigny, 1837 Glaucus flagellum Blumenblach, 1803 (synonym) Glaucus hexapterigius Cuvier , 1805 (synonym) Glaucus lineatus Reinhardt & Bergh, 1864 Glaucus longicirrhus Reinhardt & Bergh, 1864 Glaucus atlanticus (common names include the sea swallow, blue angel, blue glaucus, dragon slug, blue dragon, blue sea slug and blue ocean slug) is a species of small, blue sea slug, a pelagic aeolid nudibranch, a shell-less gastropod mollusk in the family Glaucidae. [2] These sea snails are pelagic; they float upside down, using the surface tension of the water to stay up, where they are transmitted by winds and ocean currents. Glaucus atlanticus uses countershading: the blue side of their body stands up, blending into the blue of the water. The silver-gray side of the sea snails stands down, blending into the sunlight reflected on the surface of the ocean, looking upwards underwater. Glaucus atlanticus feeds on other pelagic beings, including the Portuguese war and other venomous siphons. This sea snail sting of siphonophores as part of the as a defence against predators. People handling a cochlea can receive a very painful and potentially dangerous sting. Taxonomy This species looks similar to Glaucus marginatus, which is now considered not a single species, but a mysterious complex of species of four separate species that live in the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. [1] Its common name is Blue Dragon of Pteraeolidia ianthina. Description In maturity, Glaucus atlanticus can be up to 3 centimetres long,[4] although larger specimens have been found. [5] It can live up to a year under the right conditions. It is silvery gray on the dorsal side and dark blue ventral. He has dark blue stripes on his head. It has a flat, tapered body and six appendages that branch into an overexposed, finger-like oily. The oilcale, also known as warts, extends laterally from three different pairs of peduntalks. Warts are placed in one row (uniseriate) and can be up to 84 inches in total(Forster, 1777). Radula of this species wears teeth,[9] to which, combined with a strong jaw and cloves escape him to grasp and chip down parts of his prey. Buoyancy and coloration Using a bag filled with gas in the stomach, G. atlanticus floats on the surface. Due to the location of the gas bag, this species floats upside down. The upper surface is actually the foot (the bottom in other snails and snail), and it has either blue or blue-white coloration. The true dorsal surface (moved down in G. atlanticus) is completely silver-gray. This coloration is an example of countershading, which helps protect it from predators that can attack from below and from above. It is also believed that the blue coloration reflects harmful sunlight. Distribution and habitat Blue sea snail is shown here from the water and thus collapsed; found on the beach. Taking away an animal can cause a painful sting, with symptoms similar to those caused by the Portuguese o'war. Snail in the water This nudibranch is pelagic and there is evidence that it is found in the world's oceans, in temperate and tropical waters. It was recorded from the east and south coasts of South Africa, European waters, the east coast of Australia and Mozambique. The geographical range of the G. atlanticus species has increased north by 150 km in the Gulf of California. Since the mid-19th century, records of this species have been recorded in the Azores. Glaucus atlanticus was recently found in the Humboldt Current ecosystem in Peru in 2013 and near Andhra Pradesh in India in 2012. This is in line with the known habitat characteristics of the species: they live in warm temperate climates in the South Pacific and in peritropical and Lusatian environments. Before finding Glaucus atlanticus off Andhra Pradesh, nudibranchs have been documented as having been seen in the Bay of Bengal and off the coast of Tamil Nadu, India, more than 677 kilometers apart. Glaucus atlanticus was recently found off the coast of Bermuda in January 2016,[13] and is uncommonly washed up on a beach on barbados's east coast in the Little Anti-Lysus. Although these sea snails live in the open ocean, sometimes they accidentally wash on the shore, and therefore they can be found on the beaches. [14] [dead link] G. atlanticus' life history and behavior preys on other larger pelagic organisms. Sea snails can move towards prey or colleagues using their oilseed for slow swimming movements. It is known that they prey on the dangerously venomous war of the Portuguese (Physalia physalis); by-the-wind-sailor (Velella velella); blue button (Porpita porpita); and purple snail, Janthina janthina. From time to time, individuals attack and eat other people in captivity. G. atlanticus is able to feed on the war of the Portuguese because of its resistance to venomous venoms. The snail consumes pieces of the body and seems to select and store the most venomous nemanus for its own use against future prey. The gemas are collected in specialized bags (cnidosacs) at the end of the animal's oil oil, thin feather-like fingers on his body. Because Glaucus concentrates venom, it can produce a stronger and more deadly sting than the human war on which it feeds. Like almost all heterobranchs, blue dragons are hermaphrodites, and their male reproductive organs have evolved to be particularly large and hooked to avoid their partner's venomous oilcapath. [6] Unlike most nudibranchs that connect to their right-facing side, sea mate swallows with ventral sides standing. After mating, both people are able to lay eggs and can release up to 20 on a string of eggs, often laying them in pieces of wood or carcasses. Studies have shown that G. atlanticus is not globally panmic, but is located in ocean basins. Gene flow among the Afro-Eurasian and American populations is therefore hampered by physical obstacles and water temperatures in the Arctic and Southern Ocean. The Glaucus atlanticus sting is able to swallow poisonous stings from siphonophores, such as the Portuguese War, and store them in the limbs of its finger-like oil. 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