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30*. ANIMALS THAT BITE AND STING

The reef environment can be dangerous for those with no knowledge or understanding of the animals that live there. It is natural for a reef animal to defend itself when it is threatened. Learn to recognize and avoid animals that cause harm. Depending on what activities you are engaged in on the reef you will be exposed to different animals.



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- A. fire worm
- B. lion fish
- C. rabbit fish
- D. box jellyfish
- E. Stomatopod
- F. moray eel
- G. stingray
- H. surgeon fish
- I. fire coral
- J. bluebottle
- K. blue-ring octopus
- L. *Diadema* sp.
- M. stone fish
- N. Conus shell
- O. Crown-of-Thorns
- P. stinging hydroid

Some of the animals on the Great Barrier Reef that can be dangerous to humans. Can you match the names with the pictures? Choose one animal to read about in an encyclopedia or reference book.

Correlation to National Standards from McREL (<http://www.mcrel.org>) :

Life Sciences

5. Understands the structure and function of cells and organisms

Geography

15. Understands how physical systems affect human systems