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## **MEDIA RELEASE**



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### **Cable Beach closed after stinger influx**

Cable Beach has been closed to swimmers following an influx of dangerous box jellyfish.

Large numbers of the potentially deadly stingers were found washed up on the beach today, prompting the precautionary closure.

The beach will remain closed for at least 24 hours, with warning signs in place for a further 72 hours after re-opening.

Shire of Broome Manager Health, Emergency and Ranger Services, Ty Matson, said this reinforced the need for taking precautions when entering the water.

“Box and Irukandji jellyfish are most common between November and May, but have been recorded in all months of the year,” Mr Matson said.

“People should always be cautious when swimming, fishing in the water or launching boats and take precautions including wearing stinger suits and carrying vinegar.”

More information on stingers and protection is available at the Shire of Broome website at [www.broome.wa.gov.au/Facilities-Recreation/Beaches/Tropical-Marine-Jellyfish](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au/Facilities-Recreation/Beaches/Tropical-Marine-Jellyfish)

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