

Four species of jellyfishes recorded from Palk Bay and Gulf of Mannar

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Four species of scyphozoan jellyfishes have been recorded from Palk Bay and Gulf of Mannar viz., *Cassiopea cf. andromeda* (Forsskål, 1775), *Chrysaora caliparea* (Reynaud, 1830) [species *inquirenda*], *Mastigias cf. papua* (Lesson) and *Rhopilema cf. hispidum*. The species *Cassiopea cf. andromeda* has been recorded from Tuticorin coast and the remaining three species have been recorded from Mandapam and Thiruppalaikudi coast of Palk Bay. The *Rhopilema* sp. is an edible jellyfish and are commercially harvested for export market. All the species of the genus *Chrysaora* can inflict painful stings and cause severe scars.



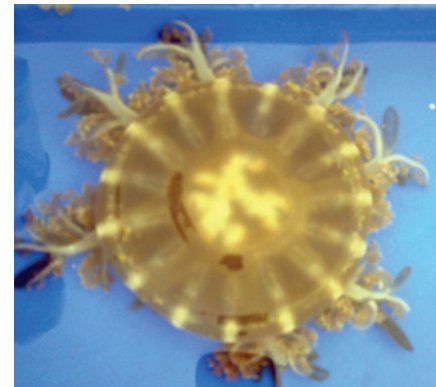
Mastigias cf. papua (Lesson)



Chrysaora caliparea
(Reynaud, 1830)
[species *inquirenda*]



Rhopilema cf. hispidum



Cassiopea cf. andromeda (Forsskål, 1775)