



 Welcome to   
Hervey Bay Amateur Fishing  
Club Education day

The Goal of today is to Help everyone  
to have fun with Fishing & be Safe

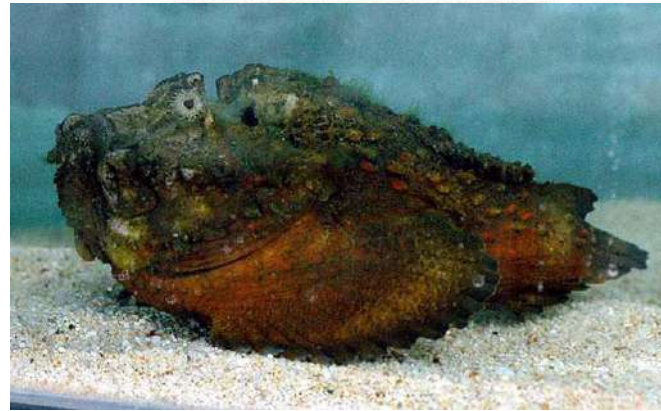
# Dangers In the water

## Stone Fish

Stonefish are the most venomous of all fishes. They are found throughout shallow coastal waters of the northern half of Australia. The fish usually lies motionless, often partially buried in the substrate and perfectly camouflaged among surrounding coral, rocky reef, rubble, or aquatic plants.

To prevent stonefish stings, sturdy footwear should be worn on reef flats, or while wading on soft-bottom substrates adjacent to rocky or weedy areas. An antivenene for stonefish stings has been developed.

For first aid is immersion of Place both feet in the warm to hot water (the good foot will act as a thermometer) taking care not to scald the area. However, medical attention should be sought in severe cases to further manage pain, prevent infection, and check for the presence of broken spines in the wound.




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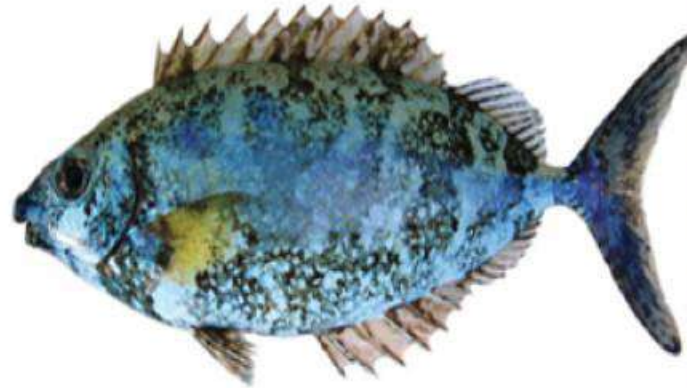
## Happy moments

There are many species to be aware of these days. Those of you who are Beginners/Kids at fishing need to pay attention.

Over the last 6 months I have heard a few reports of members handling Scribbled rabbitfish, Black trevally, Stinging bream & Happy moments. IRONIC certainly sums up the story behind the name "happy moment" While being spiked by these fish can result in severe to excruciating pain for several hours (i.e. the "happy moment") Please ring DPI or one of your experienced members if you don't know what it is.

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## Puffer/Toad fish

### CAUTION: Poisonous

- Belong to the family Tetraodontidae (pufferfish, toadfish, blowfish)
- Can grow to 1.1m in length
- Puff up when threatened
- Large dangerous teeth that could easily take a chunk out of a Fingers/hand
- Found in Australia's tropical and temperate waters from NSW north around to SA
- Unwelcome by-catch when targeting other species
- Can be solitary or in large schools

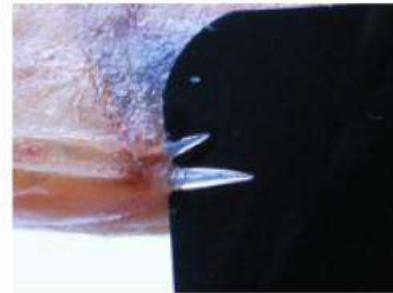


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### Flat head

Another Fish to be aware of is the humble Flat head

Flathead are not on the poisonous list but to a new fisherman it can provide a very nasty cut if not handled with care. This is one that the kids will see more often and they can become really complacent. Flathead have a couple of spikes on the side of their head which can delivery a really nasty and very painful gash.



## Dangers in the water Longtom

The Longtom is a long slender species that has many needle-like teeth in its greatly elongated jaws.

Long tom will have a bite of you if you are care less. I have experienced the bite of a long tom for 20mins and its no picnic being attached to a wriggling fish



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### Venus Tusk Fish

The Venus Tusk fish is a moderately deep bodied fish with two pairs of canines/Tusks in the front of the lower & Upper jaw.

This considered a very powerful fish, It will wriggle from even the most experienced angler and slice your hand open with the teeth.





Thank you every  
one for this Short  
presentation



You are welcome to ask  
Questions of any of our  
committee & Experienced  
members.

We all have different  
experiences of fishing to  
share with everyone.

Even with my experience I  
still learn from 5 to 95 year  
old's because we all live in  
different environment's.

Happy & Safe Fishing