

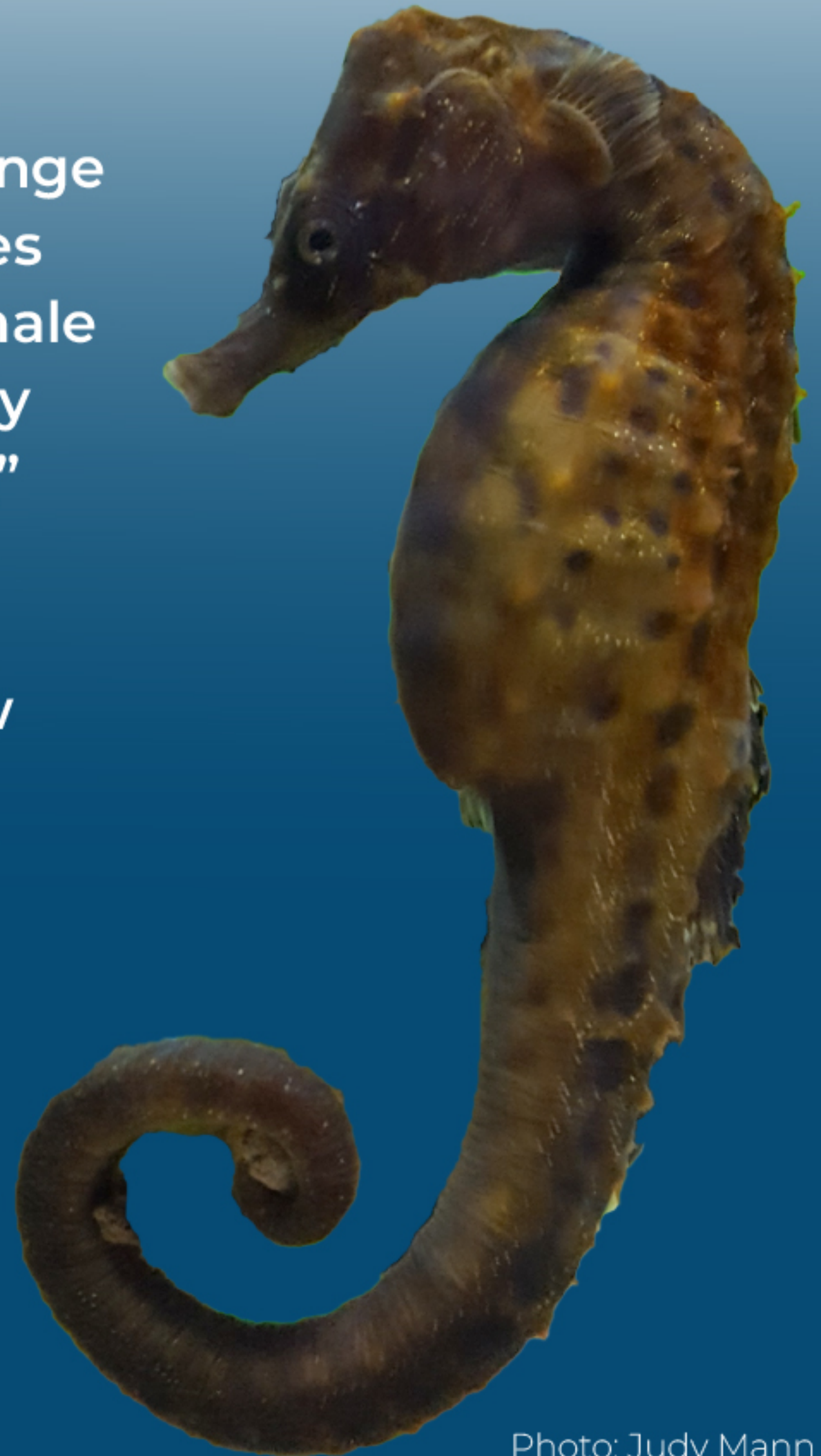


TINY 5

KNYSNA SEAHORSE

These unusual fish have a strange reproductive style – the males have a pouch in which the female lays her eggs and, when they hatch, the male “gives birth” to the young.

The Knysna seahorse is now very rare and only lives in 3 estuaries in the Western Cape.



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TINY 5 ANEMONE

Anemones are predators that look like pretty flowers and are often found in intertidal rock pools.

The tentacles, armed with stinging cells, sting their prey, which is then moved to the mouth and swallowed.

Anemones are related to corals.



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TINY 5 BLUEBOTTLE

Each bluebottle is a colony of highly specialised animals.

One individual forms the float, others are for feeding, and others for reproduction.

No one individual can live without the rest of the colony.

The stinging cells on the tentacles can inflict a painful sting.

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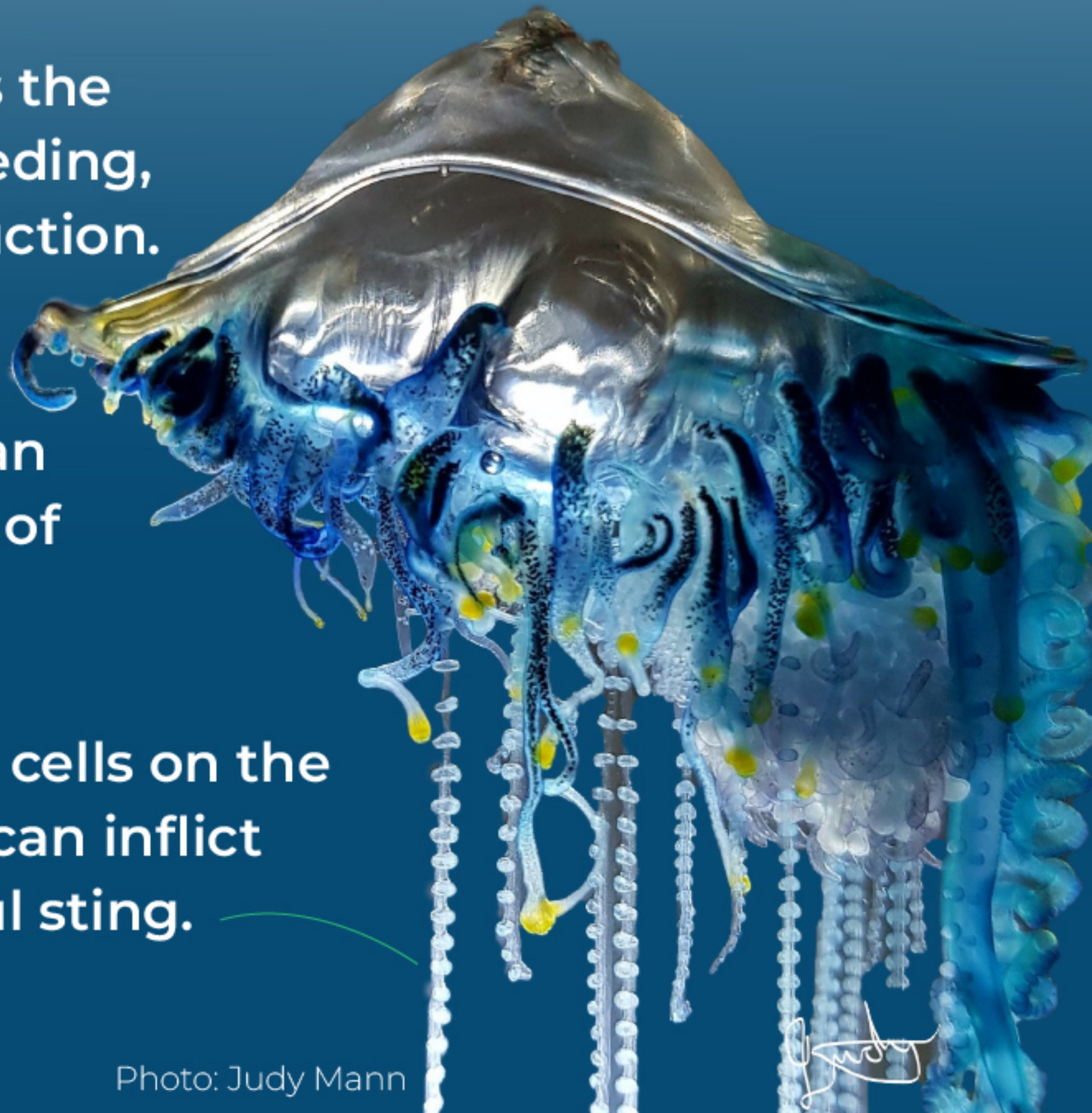


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SEA URCHIN

Sea urchins have a body enclosed in an external, round shell made of calcium carbonate.

For defence, sea urchins have many sharp spines covering their shells.

Sea urchins graze on algae covering the rocks by using chisel-like mouth parts.



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TINY 5 CLEANER SHRIMP

These busy little shrimps bustle around removing parasites and infected bacterial growths from bigger fish. Their bright colours signal to fish that they are not to be eaten – they are there to help.



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