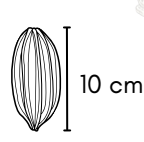
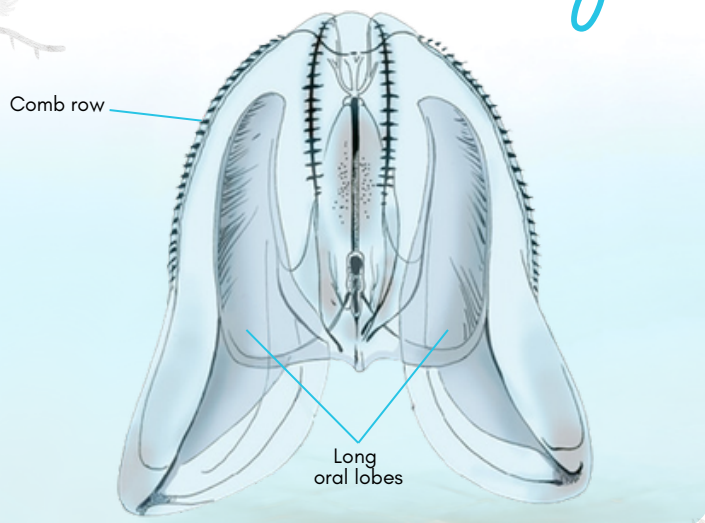
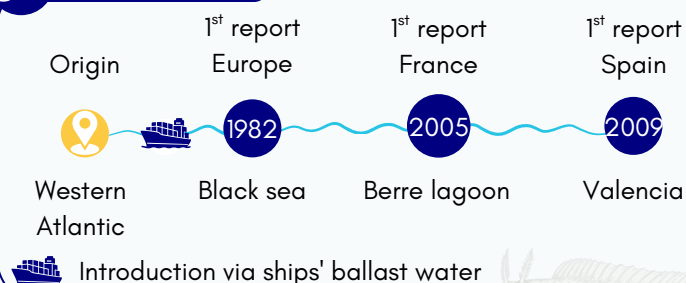


Warty comb

jelly - *Mnemiopsis leidyi*



ITS HISTORY



ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS

From an ecological perspective, the warty comb jelly exerts **intense predation** on zooplankton, disrupting food chains. It also competes with local ctenophores and jellyfish species. Its expansion causes **economic losses** for fishermen, as it reduces commercial fish stocks and incurs high management costs (e.g., monitoring, introduction of natural predators such as *Beroe ovata*). Although it has no commercial value in its native range, this species is now being studied for its **potential exploitation** in the Mediterranean. Research focuses on its applications in biotechnology, agriculture, and medical fields.

FUN FACTS

Can **self-digest** by using its reserves

Lays up to **12,000 eggs** daily

Consumes up to **10 times** its body wet weight per day

IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA

Structure : pear-shaped body, **8 rows of cilia** (ctenes) arranged in longitudinal lines, **2 long retractable tentacles** (up to 15 cm in length)

Color : **transparent to milky**, sometimes with bluish or pinkish hues

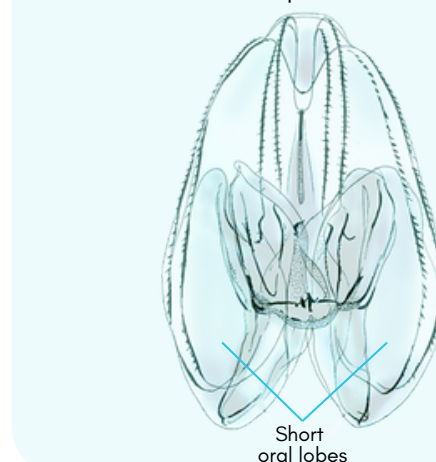


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