

The Human Dimension of Jellyfish Blooms

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Why are jellyfish such a hot topic?

In recent years, there have been some major increases in jellyfish populations throughout the world's oceans which has led to a lot of scientific interest as to the causes of these outbreaks.

Are these natural occurrences?

Are these the result of human activity such as overfishing, species introductions, pollution?

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Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water...



INVASION OF THE JELLYFISH!







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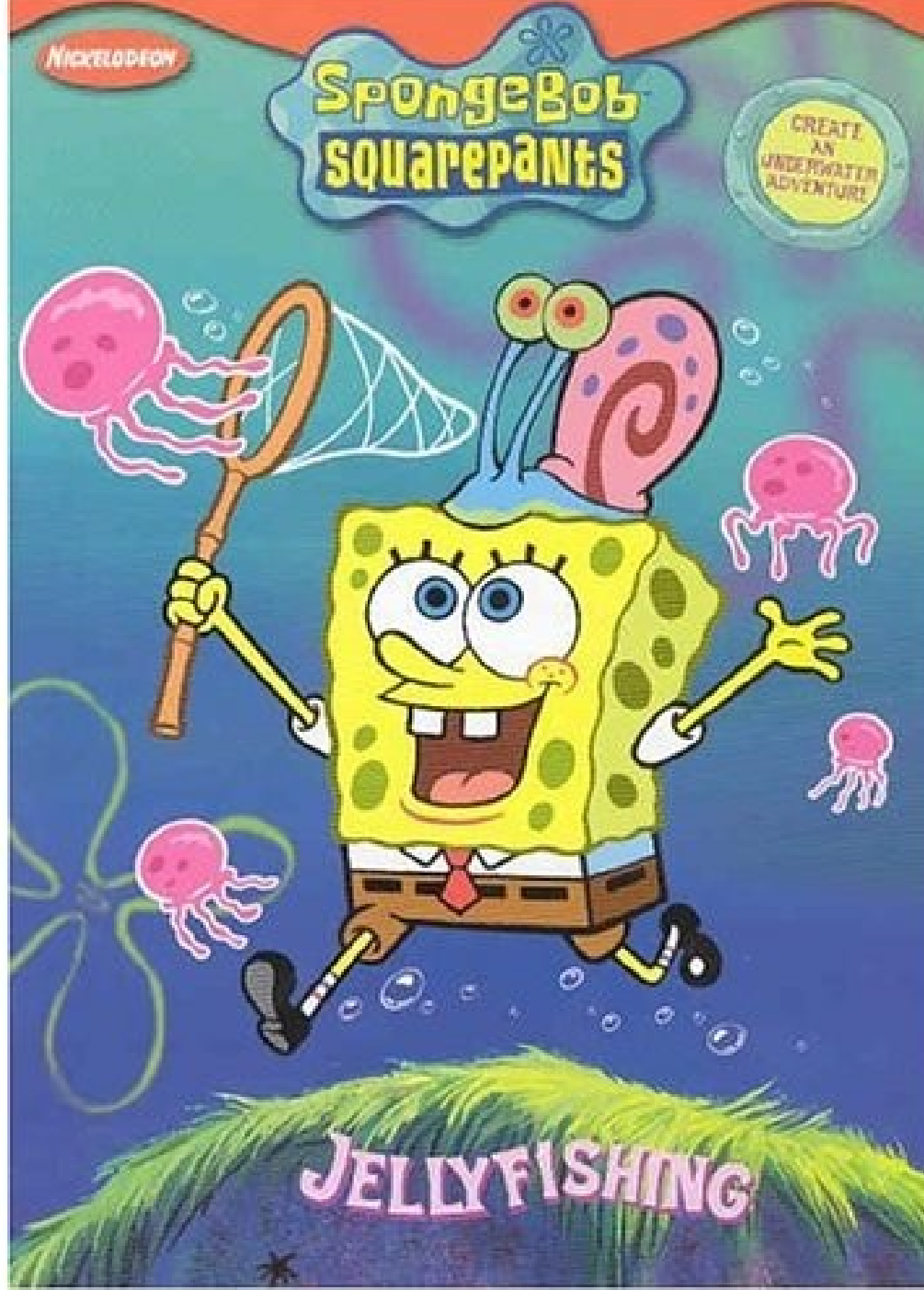


More Jellyfish than Fish

Dramatic Increase in Jellyfish in Benguela Current

Lynam et al. 2006. *Current Biology* 16(3)

“Jellyfish play potentially major controlling roles in marine ecosystems and in this era of apparent jellyfish ascendancy, marine ecosystem managers and modellers cannot afford to ignore them.”



The Future?