

Has anyone else been stung by jellyfish larva while swimming? I have bumps that are extremely itchy. Is it Pica Pica?

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Pica Pica: You have to do anything you can, right when you get it spraying with anything containing ammonia helps (bleach, you have a friend help or you may hurt yourself), etc.

There's been plenty of advice over what Pica Pica is but Green Reef reported it as being an algae bloom that happens to occur around the same time the stinging jellyfish appear. Others say they are actually caused by the stinging of the stinging jellyfish which appear in the millions around April or so.

Use Bacta cream. Amibacterin if you need it.

A stronger solution is good to neutralize the stinging cells, but apply to sensitive areas immediately after getting out of the water, then apply a good antihistamine cream to the area to stop the itching. Bring some Diphenone Cream with you or pick some up at a local pharmacy, it's the most effective relief for the itch from pica pica!! Or use Benes before any your skin and if it's a bigger problem, use Benes and buy Amoxicillin. Available over the counter.

To prevent use Bacta Skin (antibiotic) or Bacta Skin is available at other shops, you can buy it on the internet, see what if you can get it on the island. We brought it last year in April, used it the first two days, but didn't see any help. Did most one body that had it when her son was stung around her neck. Seemed the affected area was where they got trapped by clothing. Check with your guides as well, some will carry a spray bottle of ammonia just in case.

From a person who got them worse than others.

From the official Pica Pica water here. If there are Pica Pica they will find me. I don't think it's the Pica Pica Jelly but it's the micro algae larvae that causes the problem. Although you may get a few 'stings' when you are in the water the main damage is done while sitting in something where the larvae can be trapped. At first, do for lack of water then start stinging. The most important thing for those of us who are especially sensitive is to get out of the net and shower off with fresh water as soon as possible. Since I carry a bucket of fresh water for my video camera I have been known to have someone shower me with this water while I had my net away from my body.

Pica Pica does not keep me out of the sea and I actually seem to be building up an immunity or getting better at getting rid of them.

For more information see this:

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