

Irukandji is lurking in shallows

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BROOME Shire beach inspector Tim Trew has urged swimmers to stay out of the water at Town Beach, Dampier Creek and Entrance Point after a spate of irukandji stings.

Mr Trew said he wouldn't recommend anyone swim at Broome's Roebuck Bay beaches at any time during the wet season.

"If people really want to swim then Cable Beach is a better option but the irukandji are still there," he said.

"If people are going to swim they should wear a stinger suit and cover

up as much as possible."

Five irukandji stings in January have taken the total for the season to nine with all stings during last month recorded at Town Beach, Entrance Point and Dampier Creek while one person was stung by an unidentified jellyfish at Town Beach last week.

Mr Trew said there were several different types of jellyfish around Broome at this time of year.

Treat any sting with vinegar and seek hospital treatment.