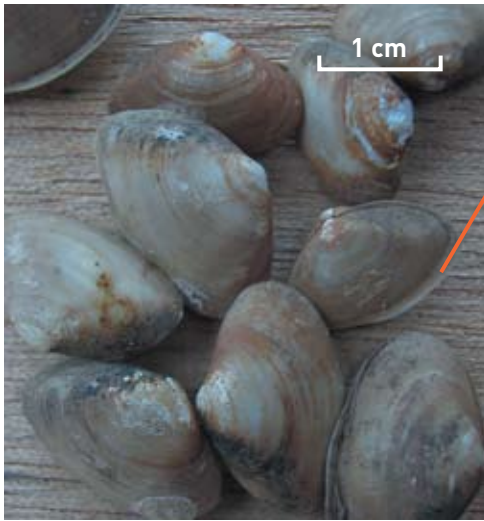


# MARINE PEST:

## Asian basket clam

*Corbula (Potamocorbula) amurensis*



### Key features

- Shells unequal in size, one is larger than the other with a distinctive overlap
- Thin & smooth shell (older shells may be wrinkled at edges)
- Shell colour is dirty white, tan or yellow, no exterior markings
- Up to 3 cm long

### Habitat

- Partially buried in soft bottom habitats most abundant on mixed sand & mud bottoms
- Mostly subtidal, but also intertidal
- Upper estuarine to fully marine
- Subtropical to cold temperate waters



### Impacts

- Reduces planktonic food sources & causes decline in native species

### Known locations

- Not yet in Australia

Likely to establish



### REPORT IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE KNOWN LOCATIONS!

1. Note the exact location
2. If possible, collect a sample and freeze in a plastic bag or take a photo
3. See [www.marinepests.gov.au](http://www.marinepests.gov.au) for your state contacts



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## What it is not

### Native species that look similar to the pest



#### *Serracorbula verconis*

##### Key Features

- Shells of unequal size, one side is larger & overlaps the other
- Shell has concentric grooves
- Solid, compressed, glossy shell - hard to crush
- White shell with small, translucent brown spots
- Up to 10 cm long

##### Habitat

- Found in sand & mud up to 65 m depth

##### Known Locations

- Northern to southern Qld; SA



#### *Paphies species*

##### Key Features

- White/cream shell with brown covering
- Interior white
- Up to 2.5 cm long

##### Habitat

- Sandy intertidal

##### Known Locations

- NSW; Vic; Tas; SA; WA



#### *Tellina semitorta*

##### Key Features

- Usually white, sometimes pink shell
- Up to 1.6 cm long

##### Habitat

- Sandy intertidal

##### Known Locations

- South Qld to NSW; Vic; SA

## What you can do

- Inspect & clean niche areas & antifoul your vessel regularly
- Clean & dry equipment before transporting & using in a different location

## Learn more

Read the national biofouling management guidelines for your sector.

[www.marinepests.gov.au](http://www.marinepests.gov.au)

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