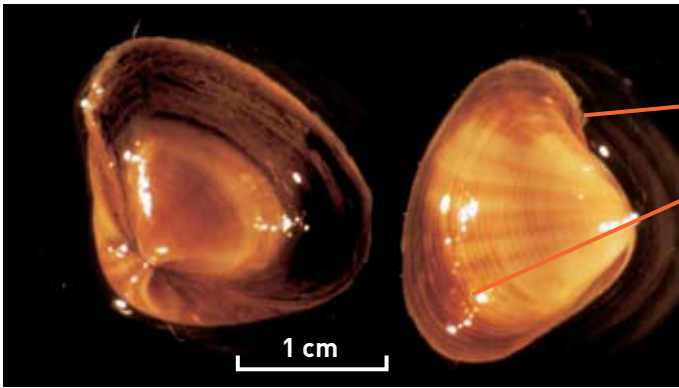


MARINE PEST: European or basket shell clam *Varicorbula gibba*



Key features

- Shells unequal in size, one is larger & fits like a lid, overlapping the other
- Coarse grooves & ridges
- Shell is plump, broadly oval coming to a triangular end
- Shell colour white to pink with radiating red/brown rays
- Up to 2 cm long

Habitat

- Burrows into soft bottom habitats, may attach to gravel & stones
- Intertidal to 150 m depth
- Temperate waters; highly tolerant of polluted waters

Impacts

- Fast growing & competes with native species for food & space (e.g. commercially grown scallops)

Known locations ○

- Coastal & Port Phillip Bay & Western Port Bay Vic; northern & south-eastern Tas

■ 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 for your state contacts



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What it is not

Native species that look similar to the pest



Spisula trigonella

Key Features

- Shells identical in size & shape (both curved & meet together evenly)
- Shell is smooth & cream coloured with brown "skin" covering
- Up to 2 cm long

Habitat

- Sandy intertidal

Known Locations

- Qld; NSW; Vic; Tas; SA; southern WA; NT



Paphies species

Key Features

- Shells identical in size & shape
- Shell is smooth & cream coloured with brown "skin" covering
- Up to 2.5 cm long

Habitat

- Sandy intertidal

Known Locations

- NSW; Vic; Tas; SA; WA



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

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