



## Dreissena polymorpha Zebra mussel

### General

1. Small, freshwater bivalve, brackish waters

### Geography and Habitats

1. Native: Russia
2. Introduced: New York, Louisiana, California (internal states as well)
3. Habitats
  - 20° to 40°C, tolerate brackish waters with a salinity up to 7 ppt, also have been found to tolerate up to 12 ppt
  - Found in estuarine habitats, lakes, urban areas, water courses



### Invasion Pathways

1. Floating vegetation/debris
2. Pet/aquarium trade
3. Ship ballast water
4. Ship/Hull fouling

### Sources

1. <http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=50&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN>
2. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/factsheet.aspx?speciesid=5>