Dreissena polymorpha

Zebra mussel

Photo: U.S. Geological Survey
http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/factsheet.aspx?speciesid=5

General

1. Small, freshwater bivalve, brackish waters

Geography and Habitats

1. Native: Russia
2. Habitats
    - 20^0 to 40^0C, 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

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