Hydroides dirampha

Tube worm, Serpulid worm

Threat Scores

1. Ecological Impact
    - Forms aggregations in lagoon habitats
    - A fouling organism
    - A nuisance in ports and marinas throughout the Mediterranean
    - Foul harbors and regarded as major foulants on artificial surfaces
    - Dominates rocks, mollusks, and artificial substrates (i.e. dock pilings, ropes and tires)
2. Invasive Potential
    - Translocations are primarily via ships hulls and surface fouling communities
3. Geographic Extent
    - Locally patchy
4. Management Difficulty
    - No controls in marine environment

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Western Atlantic
2. Introduced: Hawai'i
3. Habitats
    - Marine, fouling communities, mangroves
    - Found on concrete bridge pilings, dry dock surfaces, wooden pilings, mangroves and mud bottom

Invasion Pathways

1. Hull/Surface fouling

Non-Native Locations

1. 152- Hawaiian Islands

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