



Dugesia polychroa

A flatworm

General

1. Platyhelminth growing to 20mm

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Primarily western Europe, though its Palearctic range encompasses all of Europe, northern Asia, and northern Africa within the Mediterranean basin.
2. Habitats
 - Littoral zones, especially rocky regions of productive lakes
 - Rarely occurs in waters of chlorinity above 2 ppt; intolerant of salinities above 3.8 ppt
 - Relatively thermophilic and requires temperatures of 10°C—23°C



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Invasion Pathways

1. Likely ballast water release

Sources

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