

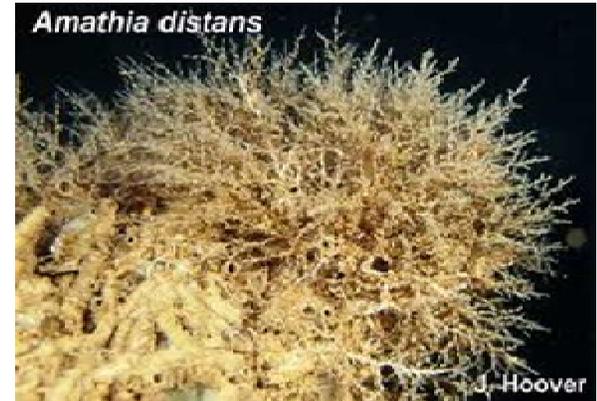


Amathia distans

Bushy Bryozoan

Threat scores

1. Ecological Impact
 - Fouling organism
 - Ecological impacts are unstudied; if it becomes established in protected coastal areas it has the potential to overgrow coral reefs
2. Invasive Potential
 - Potential for transport in ships fouling communities or ballast water
3. Geographic Extent
 - Locally patchy
4. Management Difficulty
 - The control of the dispersal of this species is the only management action available



Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Caribbean
2. Introduced: California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska
3. Habitat
 - Fouling communities, benthic, estuaries, bays, coral reefs
 - Hard substrates in harbors and embankments, occasionally found on the reef in protected areas

Invasion Pathways

1. Ballast water and sediments
2. Hull fouling

Non-Native Locations

1. 55- N. American Pacific Fjordland
2. 57- Or, WA, Vancouver
3. 58- N. California
4. 59- S. California Bight
5. 152- Hawaiian Islands

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