



Chthamalus proteus

Caribbean barnacle

Threat scores

1. Ecological impact
 - Fouling species; spatial competition with other native and non-native species in high intertidal zones likely
2. Invasive potential
 - A fouling organism requiring assisted transport to expand alien range
 - Now common on many ship and barge hulls in Hawaii, and on some which travel throughout the Pacific
 - It seems only a matter of time until this barnacle further invades the Pacific region
 - Larvae unlikely to survive long-term transport in ballast water
3. Geographic extent
 - Locally patchy



Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Gulf of Mexico to Trinidad and northeast Brazil
2. Introduced: Hawai'i, Guam
3. Habitats
 - Intertidal zones, fouling communities, benthic
 - Inhabits the high or supra-tidal zones of protected harbors and embankments, growing on pilings and other surfaces
 - Commonly seen growing above the water line on ships' hulls

Invasion Pathways

1. Hull/Surface fouling
2. Ballast water and sediments

Non-Native Locations

1. 123- Mariana Islands
2. 152- Hawaiian Islands

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