



Crassostrea gigas

Pacific oyster, Japanese oyster

General

1. Marine bivalve
2. Outcompeting native species such as Olympia oyster and blue mussel
3. Becoming an important commercial harvest in introduced states

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Pacific Coast of Asia
2. Introduced: Washington, California, Alaska
3. Habitats
 - Can be found in intertidal and subtidal zones.
 - They prefer to attach to hard or rocky surfaces in shallow or sheltered waters but have been known to attach to muddy or sandy areas when the preferred habitat is scarce
 - They can also be found on the shells of other animals.
 - Larvae often settle on the shell of adults, and great masses of oysters can grow together to form oyster reefs



Sources

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