



Gelliodes fibrosa

Gray encrusting sponge

Threat scores

1. Ecological impact
 - Fouling organism; competition for space with native invertebrates
 - Possible threat to corals in protected habitats, such as Kaneohe Bay
2. Invasive potential
 - A fouling organism requiring assisted transport to expand alien range.
3. Geographic extent
 - Locally patchy



Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Phillippines
2. Introduced: Hawai'i, Guam
 - Habitats
 - Fouling communities, benthic, disturbed areas, coral reefs
 - In Hawaiian Islands restricted to shallow-water fouling communities (pier pilings, floating docks, dredged channels, artificial lagoons) & on patch reefs encrusting the shaded underside of plate corals

Invasion Pathways

1. Hull/Surface fouling

Non-Native Locations

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

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