



Eurytemora affinis

A calanoid copepod

General

1. Averages 1.0—1.5mm in length

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Ponto-Caspian region, North American coast including the Gulf of Mexico, North American Pacific coast, western European coast, parts of Asia
2. Habitats
 - Epibenthic, inhabiting both sediments and the water column
 - Particularly abundant in depths up to 10m
 - Tolerant of salinities of 0—40 ppt and high turbidity
 - Experiments indicate that optimum temperature and salinity ranges are 10°C—15°C and 5—15 ppt, respectively

Invasion Pathways

1. Likely introduced by releasing ballast water from Atlantic coast or western European ports
2. Possibly introduced with fish stocking

Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=178>

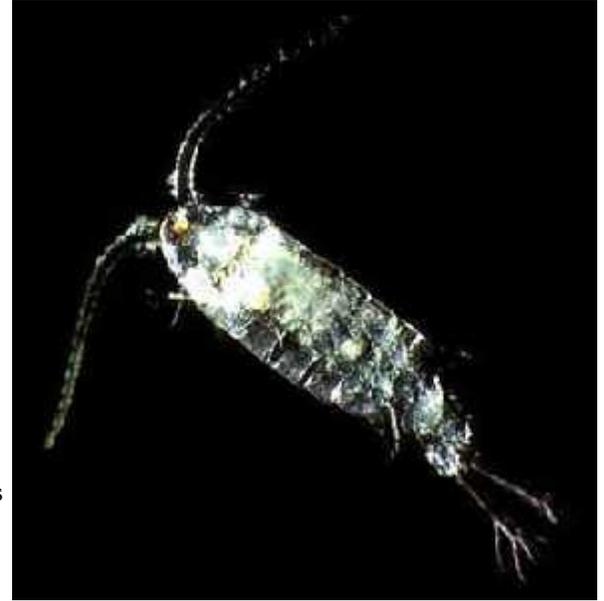


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