



## Neogergasilus japonicus

### A parasitic copepod

#### General

1. Freshwater copepod

#### Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Eastern Asia
2. Habitat:
  - Typical of eutrophic, polluted aquatic habitats
  - Can survive on many host species and is capable of swimming and transferring from one individual fish to another
  - Only ovigerous females require a host; males and other female life stages are free swimming

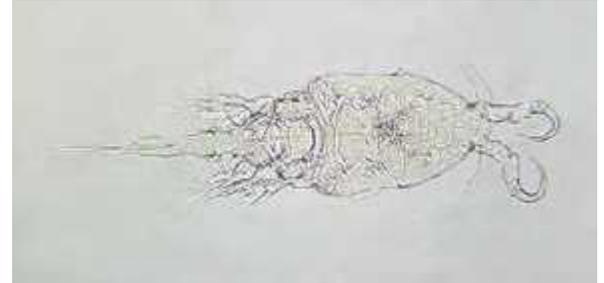


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<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=2595>

#### Invasion Pathways

1. Unknown, though likely associated with fish culture: aquarium trade, aquaculture, bait release, or ballast water release

#### Sources

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