



Suberites zeteki

Lobate sponge

Threat scores

1. Ecological impact
 - Fouling organism; competition with native species is likely.
2. Invasive potential
 - A fouling organism requiring assisted transport to expand alien range.
3. Geographic extent
 - Not usually found outside harbors
 - Locally patchy

Geography and Habitat

1. Origin: Caribbean or west coast Panama
2. First introduction: 1950
3. De Laubenfels (1950) thought *S. zeteki* to be the most abundant in Hawaii, especially in shallow-water protected environments such as boat harbors and embayments.
4. Fouling communities
 - Common as fouling in harbors, especially those with some estuarine conditions, and in Kaneohe Bay, primarily on floating docks, dock pilings and mangrove roots, also on hulls of ships.



Invasion Pathways

1. Hull/Surface Fouling
 - Accidental probable
 - Unintentional introduction, most likely as fouling on ships' hull.

Non native locations

1. 152- Hawaiian Islands

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