



Quagga mussel

Key Facts

- Small size (5 cm or less)
- Covers boat hulls and propellers.
- Found in freshwater

Remember to
**Check, Clean,
Dry** to prevent
invasions



Freshwater mussel, similar in appearance and closely related to the invasive zebra mussel. Small, stripy shell with a rounded shape. A wavy line is created where the two halves of the shell meet. Native to south-east Europe. Spreads through the transfer of boats, jetties and fishing equipment between water bodies.



Habitat

Freshwater rivers, canals and lakes.

Impacts

Blocks pipes and smothers boats and jetties. Suffocates native mussel populations.



Don't confuse it with...
Zebra mussel
(*Dreissena polymorpha*)

- Very similar, difficult to tell apart
- Straight line where the shell halves meet
- Both are unwanted invasive species



**REPORT IT - STOP
THE SPREAD**

Use the free smartphone app '**That's Invasive!**' to ID and report invasive species.