

# Warning

## Black scar oyster



### Recently detected in North Queensland

Black scar oyster (*Magallana bilineata*) is an exotic marine pest that can be transported on vessel hulls and other moveable marine infrastructure. Introduced populations of the oyster can foul submerged and floating infrastructure including pylons, pontoons, and boats, and can grow on rocks.

#### Description

- Can grow up to 18cm long, which is larger than native oysters.
- The lower attached shell valve is deeper (cup-shaped) than the top shell valve.
- The top shell valve has a series of flat frills that easily break-off in dead shells.
- The internal edge of the shell valves is smooth (native oysters have a series of small knobs around the inner margin).
- The area inside the shell where the adductor muscle attaches is black.

Black scar oysters are biosecurity matter under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. Everyone has a general biosecurity obligation to take all reasonable and practical steps to minimise the biosecurity risk of the black scar oyster from spreading.

**If you think you have seen a black scar oyster, take a photo if you can and report the location to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on **13 25 23**.**



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