

PREVENT *Invasives* in the CARIBBEAN

GREEN MUSSEL

The Green Mussel is also known as the Asian green mussel, Philippine green mussel, or 'Perna Viridis is a bivalve, native to the Asian-Pacific region and was introduced to the Caribbean, Australia, Japan and North, and South America as an invasive species.



The green mussel was brought via water ballasts and boat hulls. It is known to harbour toxins that are dangerous to human health.

It can colonize manmade habitats like boats, buoys, sea walls, pier pilings, and bridges, etc.



They are often found attached to red mangrove roots in Jamaica and Trinidad. They are a collective and range in numbers close to 40,000.

CONTROL MEASURES

- Internal seawater systems should be inspected by vessel owners, vessel inspectors and slipway
- To prevent this species from spreading, early detection is essential. Report immediately to your local Ministry or Ministry of Agriculture.