

# Pacific oyster

## *Crassostrea gigas*

This oyster has been willingly introduced for commercial cultivation during the sixties to replace the Portuguese oyster. By colonizing the environment it produces a homogenous reef replacing other habitats. The shells of which are extremely sharp. It also invades native oyster farms.

The shell can take various forms but is generally elongated and oval, around 15cm long. It may have dark purple patches and has a saw-toothed shell margin.



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