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## Recent Observations on Environmental Preferences and Controls

### Observation No. 1: Water temperature controls on invasive tunicates.

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Changing maximum and minimum water temperatures affect the recruitment and growth of invasive solitary (*Ascidiella aspersa*) and colonial (*Botrylloides violaceus* and *Diplosoma listerianum*) tunicates on the Connecticut coast of Long Island Sound. *Didemnum* sp. was not studied, but "...during the last 3 years...a didemnid ascidian, previously unknown to the western Atlantic (G. Lambert, personal communication) has become established at our study locations." (see p. 15500)

#### Source

Stachowicz, J.J., Terwin, J.R., Whitlatch, R. B., and Osman, R.W., 2002, Linking climate change and biological invasions: ocean warming facilitates nonindigenous species invasions, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, v. 99, no. 24, p. 15497-15500. ([PDF format](#))

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