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This report includes information on the infestation of the Steel Mariner barge by *D. vexillum*; images of the species; location maps; a report by P. Mather (Kott) on the identification of the didemnid; a survey of the didemnid on the barge and its spread to the seabed beneath it; and the potential risks posed by the spread of the species.

Source

Coutts, A.D.M., 2002, A biosecurity investigation of a barge in the Marlborough Sounds (New Zealand): Cawthron Institute Report 744, 68 p. ([PDF format](#))

Observation No. 2: Account of the appearance of *Didemnum vexillum* in Holyhead Harbour, North Wales, 2008 **NEW**

This report includes information on: the infestation of the Holyhead Marina by *D. vexillum*; results of a survey of the marina, the wider harbour, and other sites along the coast of Wales; images of the species, including brooding unhatched larvae; and location maps.

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Source

Holt, R., Ramsay, K., Mowat, S., Kent, F., and Griffith, K., 2009, Survey of non-native ascidian (sea squirt) *Didemnum vexillum* in Holyhead Harbour: Countryside Council for Wales Marine Monitoring Report No. 67, 24 p. ([PDF format](#))

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