GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE

FULL ACCOUNT FOR: ***Elminius modestus***

Elminius modestus **System:** Marine_terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Arthropoda	Maxillopoda	Sessilia	Balanidae

Common name Australian barnacle (English), New Zealand barnacle (English), Firepladet rur (Danish), Nieuw-Zeelandse zeepok (Dutch), Australseepocke (German), Sterretje (Dutch), Australische Seepocke (German), Kruisridderpok (Dutch)

Synonym *Austrominius modestus*

Similar species

Summary *Elminius modestus* has spread successfully throughout the Western Europe coastal areas, since its introduction to the southeast coast of the Uk most probably on the hull of ships from New Zealand and /or Australia between 1940 and 1943. There are several factors that aid Elminius success as an invader. Elminius larval stages are eurythermal and euryhaline, enabling them to survive in a wide range of habitat types. *E. modestus* is a highly fecund species and has a short generation time. It is highly tolerant of changes in tempertaure and salinity. *E. modestus* compete with native barnacle species for space. It has been observed that the successful range expansion of the barnacle could be facilitated by a changing climate with warmer seas and tempertaures.

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General Impacts
Elminius modestus competes for space with the native barnacle *Balanus balanoides* along the coasts of Western Europe where it has spread widely (Crisp & Chipperfield 1948; Crisp 1958; Nehring, 2005; Barnes & Barnes 1960).
Witte *et al* (2010) report that *Austrominius modestus* (=*Elminius modestus*) which was first reported on the Island of Sylt (North Sea) in 1955 and remained rare, has overtaken native barnacles *Semibalanus balanoides* and *Balanus crenatus* in abundance when surveyed in the summer of 2007. The authors suggest that this exponential increase in population numbers could be due to mild winters and warm summers over a period.\n

Pathway
Crisp (1958) noted two types of dispersal natural or 'marginal' dispersal at an average of 20-30 kms per year and long distance or 'remote' dispersal on the hull of a boat or ship.

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