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Dreissenid mussels include invasive zebra and quagga mussels, which arrived in the Great Lakes in the ballast water of shipping vessels. Their feeding habits have dramatically changed the food sources available to fish in the Great Lakes. They are also partly responsible for increasing harmful algal blooms.

Did you know...

- Zebra mussels were first discovered in Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie in 1988; quagga mussels were found in 1989.
- Quagga mussels can colonize colder, deeper areas than can zebra mussels and are the dominant species throughout the Great Lakes.



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Dreissenid mussels will attach to any hard surface, including critical infrastructure such as drinking water plant intakes.