

*'Let it be remembered how powerful the influence of a single introduced tree or mammal has been shown to be' Darwin (1860)*

## Symposium on Marine Introduced Species in Denmark - 17/8-07

Where: Auditorium A, Institute of Biology, Copenhagen University (next to the Zoo-museum)

When: Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> 2007, 9.30-17.00

How Much: 100 Dkr to cover coffee, teas, and cookies (cafeteria is available where lunch can be purchased)

Contacts, Show of Interest, Registration, Abstract Submission: Email [m.thomsen@ecu.edu.au](mailto:m.thomsen@ecu.edu.au) (Mads Thomsen)

Presentations: Powerpoint, can be in Danish or English. Presentations of 12 minutes + 2 minutes for questions

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Deadlines: Abstract submission and conference registration: **July 17<sup>th</sup> 2007**

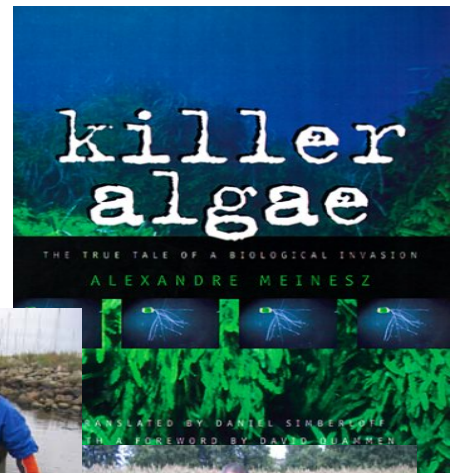
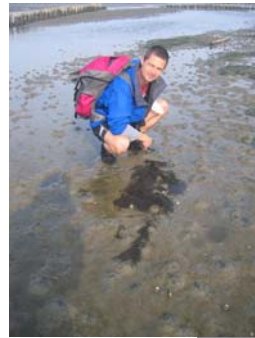
Program: Tentative program will be available online before the conference (<http://cem.ecu.edu.au/coastal-marine/nis.php>). Abstracts will be provided on conference

*How many marine species are introduced in Denmark? Do they impact the native flora and fauna? What are 'super-invaders'? Why are invasions interesting study subjects? Is there anything we can/should do about marine invasions? Can marine invasions be managed and controlled? Why is Denmark in a great position to be on the forefront on marine invasion biology?*

Little is known about marine invasions in Denmark, even though they are an important component of our flora and fauna. We are therefore organizing a symposium on 'Marine Introduced Species in Denmark'. Topics include; introductory talks and commentaries, overview presentations, case-studies, discussion forums, etc. Basic and applied research, literature reviews and administration/management topics are welcome. Emphasis is on Danish conditions, but participation from neighboring countries is strongly encouraged. **The aim is to bring together researchers, administrators, students and naturalists, and provide a lively forum for information sharing, discussions, collaborations and exchange of ideas about this interesting topic.**



*'Introduced species are widely recognized as the second greatest threat (after habitat destruction) to biodiversity' Simberloff et al. (2005, p. 12)*



*Hunting for cosmopolitan invasive species (Gracilaria in Scandinavia, USA and New Zealand)*

*Vikings likely introduced Mya arenaria from North America. Today it is one of our most abundant species in soft-bottom ecosystems*



*Crassostrea gigas may become wide-spread in Denmark – particularly if global warming accelerates. The oyster is a reef-former that dramatically alter ecosystem properties*