

Mya arenaria* (Softshell Clam)*Priority 3 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)**Class: *Bivalvia* (Marine And Freshwater Molluscs)Order: *Myoida* (Saltwater Clams)Family: *Myidae* (Softshell Clams)**General comments: none****No Species Conservation Range Maps Available for Softshell Clam****SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:**

Risk of Extirpation: NA

State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern: NA

Recent Significant Declines: NA

Regional Endemic: NA

High Regional Conservation Priority: NA

High Climate Change Vulnerability:

Mya arenaria is highly vulnerable to climate change.

Understudied rare taxa: NA

Historical: NA

Culturally Significant: NA

Habitats Assigned to Softshell Clam:**Formation Name Intertidal**

Macrogroup Name Intertidal Gravel Shore

Habitat System Name: Lower Intertidal

Macrogroup Name Intertidal Mudflat

Habitat System Name: Non-Vascular Mudflat ****Primary Habitat****

Macrogroup Name Intertidal Water Column

Habitat System Name: Water Column Macrogroup - Unknown Habitat System

Formation Name Subtidal

Macrogroup Name Subtidal Mud Bottom

Habitat System Name: Unvegetated ****Primary Habitat****

Macrogroup Name Subtidal Pelagic (Water Column)

Habitat System Name: Nearshore ****Primary Habitat**** Notes: larval development and dispersal**Stressors Assigned to Softshell Clam:**

No Stressors Currently Assigned to Softshell Clam or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Softshell Clam:

No Species Specific Conservation Actions Currently Assigned to Softshell Clam or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Conservation Actions Associated with the Bivalves Guild:

Conservation Action	Category: Policy	Biological Priority: critical	Type: on-going
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Through education and collaboration, reduce the use of antifouling agents and biocides that negatively affect SGCN, and investigate alternative biofouling agents.

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Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action

Marine and Freshwater Aquaculture

Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:

Additional relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

Habitat Based Conservation Actions:

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.