



Fig 10: Shells of farm reared Oysters mottled with tube worms

Boring Molluscs

There is a group of molluscs called the pholads, which are able to bore into and live in the burrows in shell or limestone. In some tropical areas they create the same problems in oysters as the boring sponge. Little can be done to prevent the attack; nevertheless this is not a common feature in mangrove oyster culture systems in Niger Delta.

Predators

During the planktonic stage larval oysters are consumed by any organism. Among these are filter feeding

