



Pinna Nobilis

A huge clam that was on the verge of extinction has made a comeback, with a surge in numbers in waters off Croatia.

- The **clam, known as the noble pen shell or pinna nobilis**, started dying out as a deadly pathogen spread in parts of the Mediterranean around 2016.
- The clams, **whose shells can grow as much as 1.2 m across**, play an important **ecological role by filtering seawater** and allowing other organisms to flourish.
- They have been spotted across the **Adriatic and Istria peninsula**.



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