

Ballast Water

Incoming and outgoing ships have varying weights due to cargo and fuel
Adding water to the inside of ships provides weight and stability

Water is not alone in ballast water

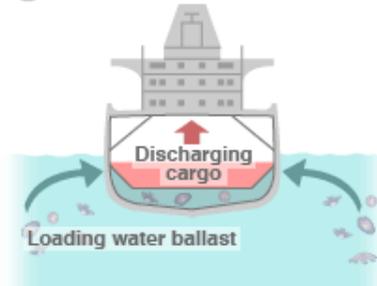
-200 million Tons of ballast water
in US waters each year
-30% from foreign places

Species Introduced by ballast water

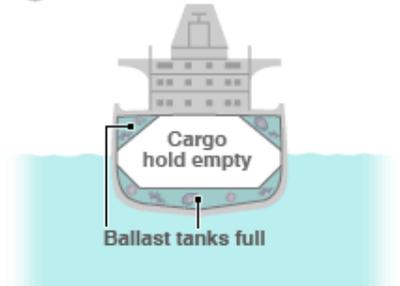
- Zebra Muscles
- American Comb Jelly
- Toxic Algae

BALLAST WATER CYCLE

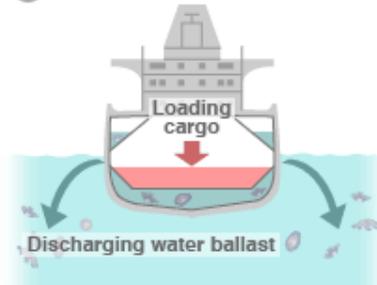
① At source port



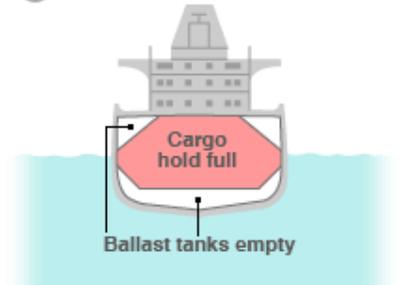
② During voyage



③ At destination port



④ During voyage



SOURCE: GloBallast

10,000 Marine Species travel in
ballast water everyday

*Without regulation and
management, pose a huge
threat to our marine and
freshwater ecosystems*

More information at:

http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/pdf/best_management_practices/fact_sheets/Ballast%20Water%20Factsheet.pdf

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