

European native oyster



Oysters live in the sea around the **UK** and **Europe**.



They eat tiny bits of seaweed called **algae**.



Oysters can live for over **10 years!**



They can grow up to **10cm** long.



They live on **mud or sand** in **salty water**.

Oysters are **invertebrates** (they don't have a backbone).

Oysters can change between being **male and female!**

One oyster can clean up to **200 litres** of water each day!
(That's more than a bath-tub of water!)

Some people like to **eat** oysters!

They have around **1 million** babies per year!

Oysters create **homes** for other animals to live in.



95% of oysters have died out

People are **taking them for food** and **destroying their homes**