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Macoma calcaria (Gmelin, 1791)

A very common benthic bivalve mollusk of arctic seas.

Size

- Length to 70 mm. Adults usually 30-50 mm.

Color

- Outside – chalky.
- Periostracum light brown to dark brown, dull, wrinkled. Periostracum is absent, as a rule, in the umbones areas.
- Inside – white.

Habitat & Distribution

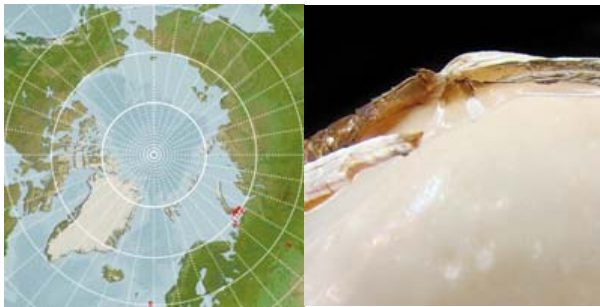
- Infaunal.
- On silty sand, often with gravel or stones.
- Sublittoral mainly.
- Widespread boreal-arctic.

Feeding

- Deposit and filter feeder.

Life cycle

- Dioecious.
- Development with pelagic larvae.

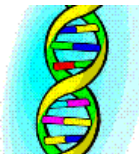


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