

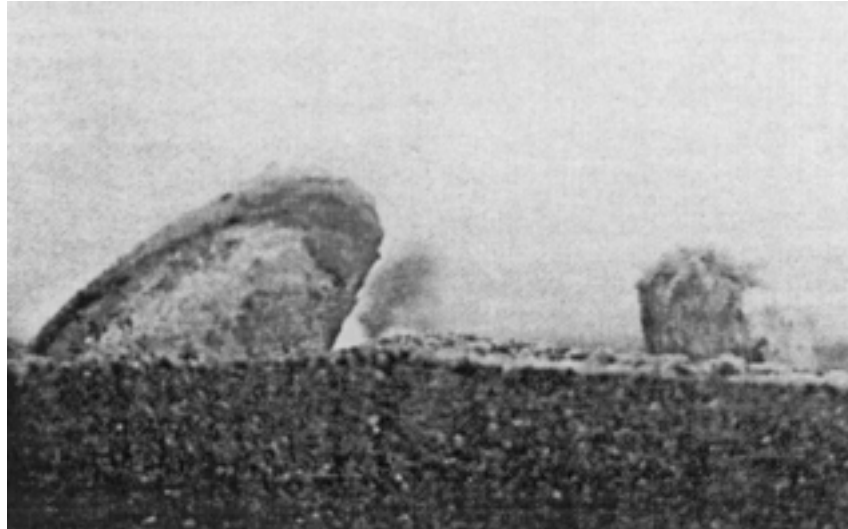
## Asian Clams



Asian clams from San Francisco Bay - March 1993

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## Asian Clams Feeding



The Asian clam lives near the surface, with 1/2 or more of the shell exposed above the sediment. This behavior helps the clam collect its planktonic food. Feeding above the mud can give the Asian clam an advantage over other clams in areas where silt settles.

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