



Eichhornia crassipes

Water-hyacinth

General

1. Floating perennial
2. Described as one of the world's worst weeds

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Brazil, South America
2. Habitats
 - Estuarine habitats, lakes, urban areas, water courses, wetlands
 - Shallow temporary ponds, wetlands, marshes, sluggish flowing waters, lakes, reservoirs, rivers
 - Tolerate extremes of water level fluctuation and seasonal variations in flow velocity, and extremes of nutrient availability, pH, temperature and toxic substances
 - Sensitive to frost and intolerant of brackish water

Invasion Pathways

1. Sold as an ornamental for fish ponds; subsequent escape or intentional introduction to larger water bodies

Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=1130>
2. <http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=70&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN>



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