



Nitellopsis obtusa

Starry stonewort, green alga

General

1. Alga growing to 0.8m

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Throughout Europe and Asia
2. Habitat:
 - Sometimes found in deep, slow moving water where other plants are scarce
 - Tolerates brackish water and salinity up to 5 ppt; tolerates fluctuations up to 17 ppt for approximately one week
 - Growth is suppressed at water temperatures of 30°C

Invasion Pathways

1. Likely ballast water release

Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=1688>



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