Invasion Ecology



Week 4
Invasive species in aquatic ecosystems

Week 4: Learning Outcomes

By the end of this week you will know:

- what aquatic invasive species are
- how aquatic invasive species impact native communities

By the end of this week you will be able to:

- describe various modes of aquatic species introduction
- differentiate between control methods
- name at least five aquatic invasive species

Class Activities





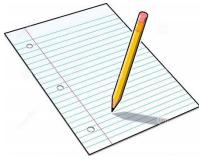
All-class-discussion



Small group discussion



In-class ungraded quizzes



Aquatic Invasive Species?

Worksheet Part 1.



Please modify the formal definition of invasive species we discussed previously so that it would be applicable to aquatic invasive species (5 min):

"Invasive species is a non-native species whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human, animal, or plant health" (National Invasive Species Management Plan, 2006)



Aquatic Invasive Species?



Please compare your definitions in pairs and create a 'combined' definition (2-3 min)



Aquatic Invasive Species

"non-native plants and animals that have been introduced (accidentally or intentionally) into lakes and rivers, and whose introduction threatens the diversity or abundance of native species, the stability of the ecosystem and/or the use of the infested water body.

[They] are a major threat to freshwater ecosystems and a significant management concern because of their ecological and socio-economic costs."



Please compare your version with formal definition of invasive species (2-3 min) (use 'Yes/No cards')

Freshwater Invasive Species



Curly-leaf pondweed



Purple loosestrife



Eurasian watermilfoil



Earthworms



Asian carp



Asian Swamp Eel



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Channeled Apple Snail

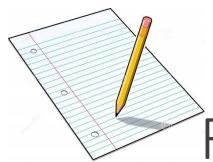


Zebra mussel



Asian Clam





Freshwater Invasive Species

Worksheet Part 2.



Zebra mussel

"Brought here from Europe in ships' ballast water; zebra mussels were first discovered in the Great Lakes region in 1988. Zebra mussels have inflicted tremendous damage to native ecosystems and to facilities using water, like power plants and municipal water suppliers.

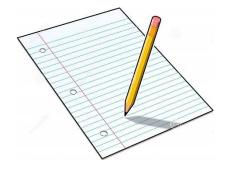
Millions of dollars have been spent by water users, to control and eradicate zebra mussels. And, as zebra mussel populations in an area increase, native mussels decrease; a strong indication that zebra mussels are the cause."

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 2017



Why is it an invasive species? Please check ALL that applies (30 sec):

- Introduced to the US from other countries
- ☐ Causes damage to freshwater ecosystem
- Has economic impact



Aquatic Invasive Species in the US

Worksheet Part 3.

Every state in the United States has been affected by aquatic nuisance species: nutria, mosquito fish, purple loosestrife, Eurasian watermilfoil, etc.

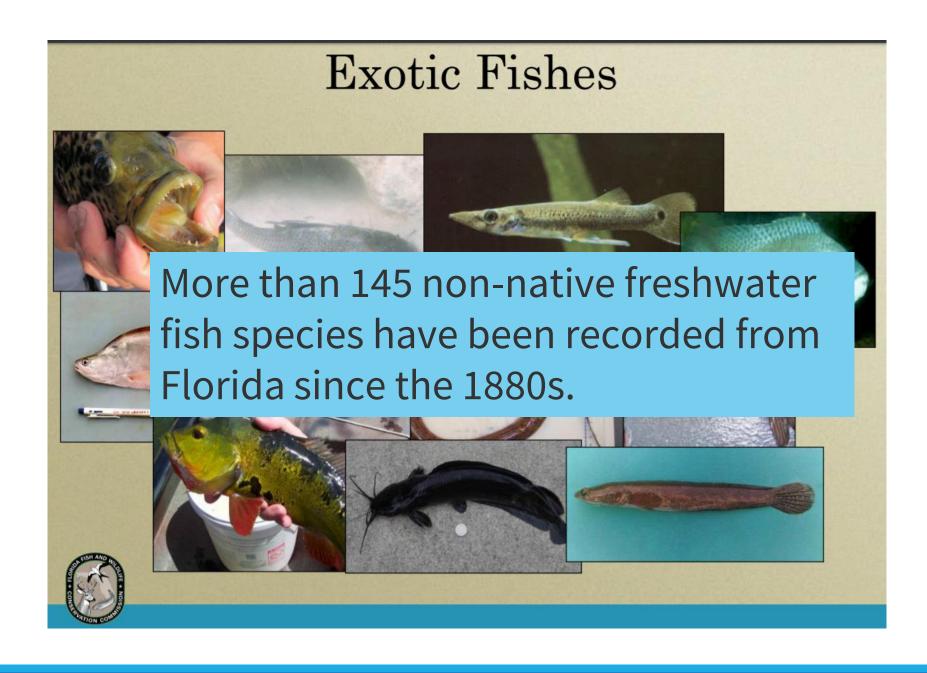
National Environmental Education Foundation:

https://www.neefusa.org/nature/water/invasive-aquatic-species-united-states



Please check the link above, choose your home state, read about a representative invasive species, and answer the following questions:

- Why is this species invasive?
- Have you heard about this species before? If yes, did you know that this species is invasive?





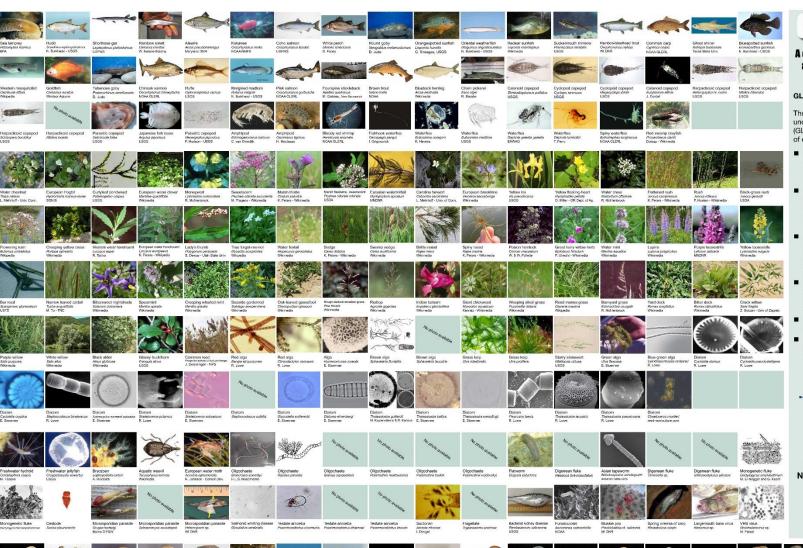
Great Lakes Aquatic Nonindigenous Species Information System

http://www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/Programs/glansis/glansis.html





Some of the 180 181 185 184 Non-Native Species Established in the Great Lakes



A one-stop source for information about non-indigenous species

in the Great Lakes region! **GLANSIS ENHANCEMENTS 2010-2011**

The GLANSIS project has received funding under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) for several improvements in support of early detection and rapid response.

- Addition of 'range expansion' species those native to one portion of the Great Lakes but are considered invasive to other portions of the basin
- Addition of high priority 'watchlist' species-those that have been identified in the literature as high risk for invading and becoming established in the Great
- Updated and consistent 'impact' information allowing cross-taxa comparisons that are better able to support risk assessment and management.
- Addition of management information regulations, best management practices, and control methodologies-for all the species in the database.
- Enhanced bibliographic information. (IL-IN Sea Grant)
- Addition of non-technical fact sheets for priority species of public interest. (IL-IN Sea Grant)



GLANSIS NEEDS Your Verified Reports

Send reports to:

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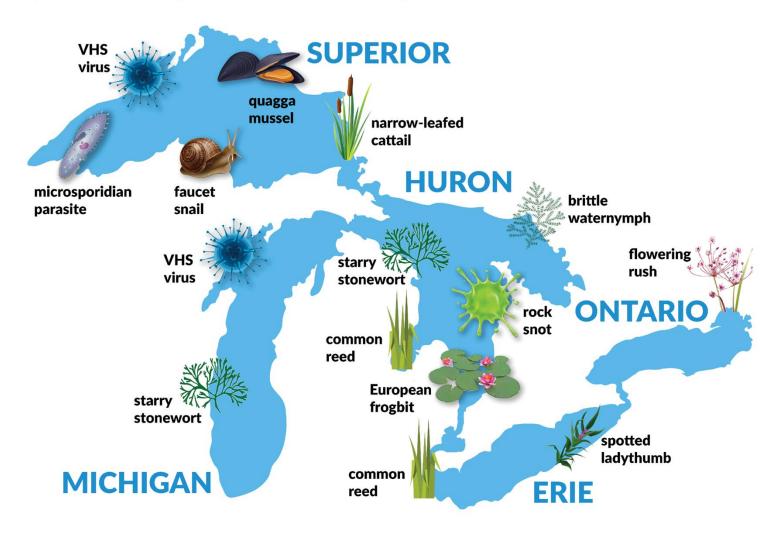






Invaders keep spreading

Just three new nonnative species have been detected in the Great Lakes in recent years. Their introduction has been slowed by ballast water regulations for ocean-faring ships. But scientists and regulators struggle to keep unwanted creatures from traveling between lakes. Here's a look at species that have spread to each lake over the past decade.





Quick Review and Discussion

Is it true that..:

- aquatic invasive species have only ecological impact on native communities? (Yes/No) Examples?
- ☐ Florida is one of the states with the large number of introduced species? (Yes/No) Why?
- Invasive species in The Great Lakes are under control right now? (Yes/No) Example?

Modes of Introduction

Intentional Introduction

- Aquaculture (transferring contents of home aquarium into a lake)
- Water gardening (planting exotic plants)

Unintentional Introduction

- ships, boats, barges
- aquatic recreation (fishing, hunting, boating, diving, etc.)
- seaplanes, connected waterways

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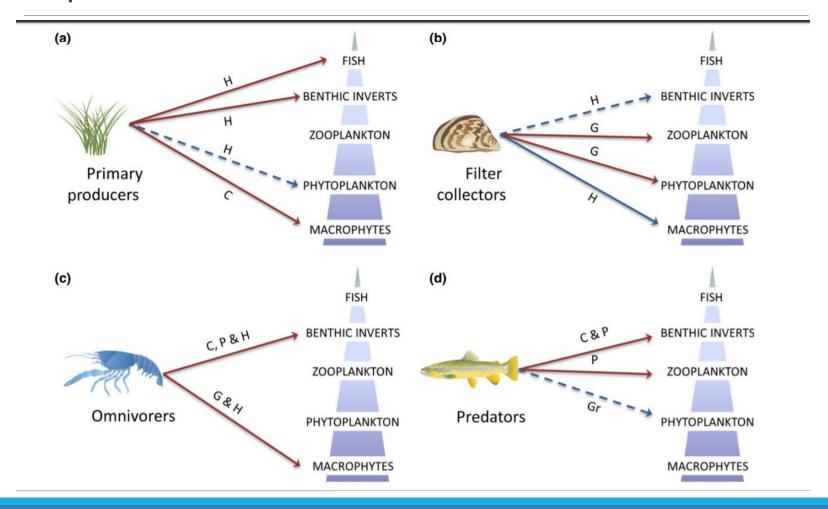
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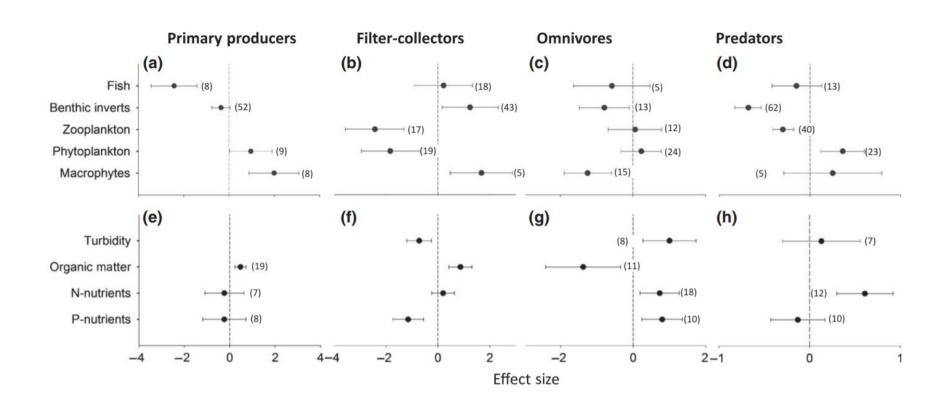
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Impacts of invasive species on native aquatic communities



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Invasive Species Dispersal

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OVERLAND DISPERSAL OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES: A RISK ASSESSMENT OF TRANSIENT RECREATIONAL BOATING

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TABLE 1. Survey questions asked of boaters departing public boat launches on Lake St. Clair (Michigan, USA).

- 1) How long were you out on the lake today? (number of hours, days or weeks)
- 2) Were you fishing today? (yes/no)
- Were you equipped with a live well or similar device? (yes/no)
 If "yes," then
 - a) Did you use this device today? (yes/no)
 - b) What was the fate of any water in it?
 - (dumped in lake/dumped at ramp/taken from ramp/unknown)
- 4) What kind of bait did you use today? (minnows, worms, artificial, other) If minnows.
 - a) Did you use a bait bucket today? (yes/no)
 - b) What was the fate of any water it contained?
 - (dumped in lake/dumped at ramp/taken from ramp/unknown)
- 5) Did you use your anchor today? (yes/no)
- 6) Where is your next planned use of this boat? (return here/other Great Lake launch/inland lake/unknown)
- 7) When do you plan to use this boat next? (Number of days or weeks/unknown)

Notes: For arriving boats, Questions 1–5 were framed in the present or future tense. Type of data or possible responses recorded are in parentheses.

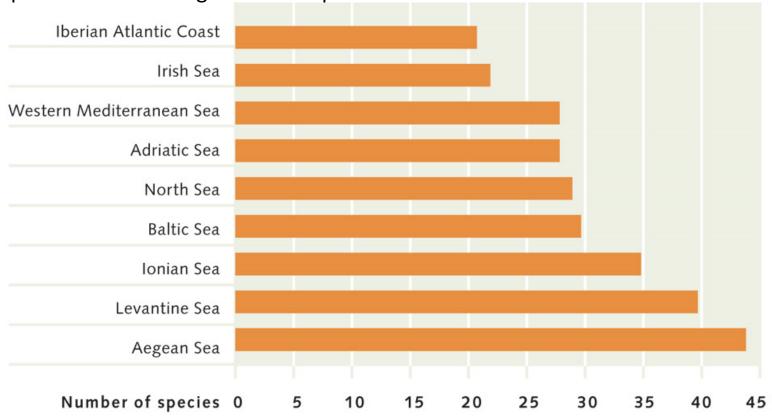


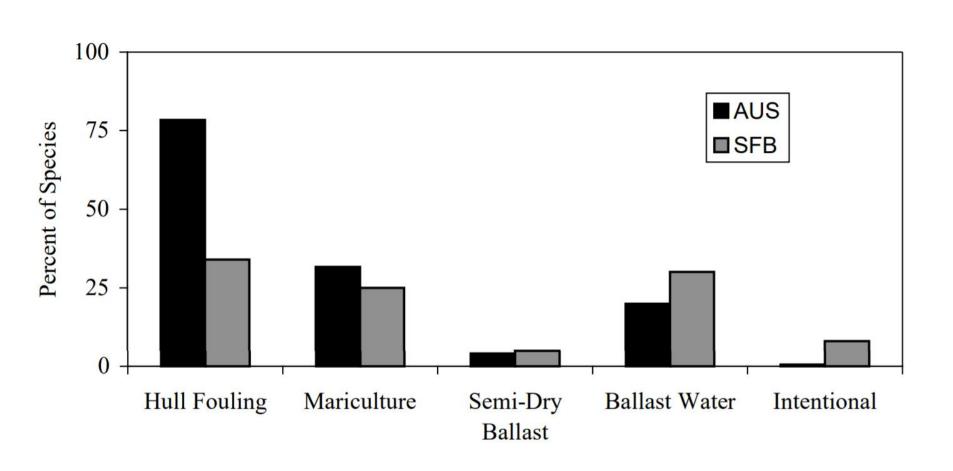
Quick Review

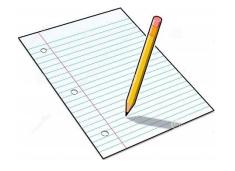
- ☐ Is transferring species by ships, boats, barges an unintentional introduction? (Yes/No)
- ☐ Is transferring species through aquaculture an unintentional introduction? (Yes/No)
- □ Do filter collectors have the most impact on trophic levels in native aquatic communities? (Yes/No)

Marine Invasive Species

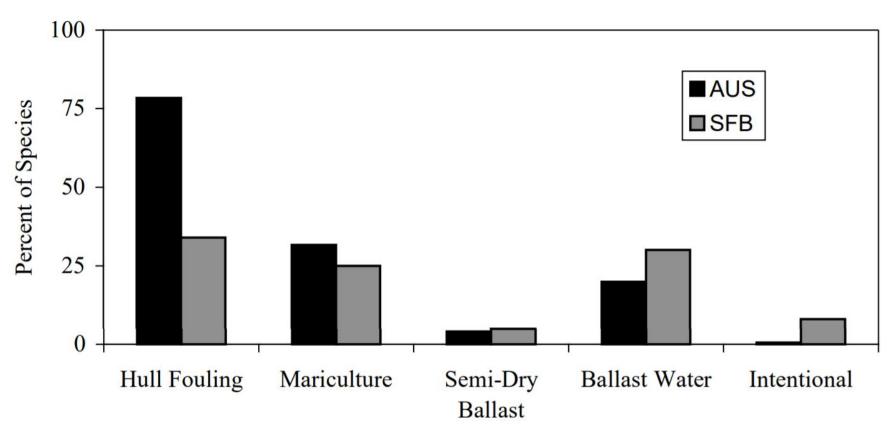
Invasive species in marine regions in Europe:





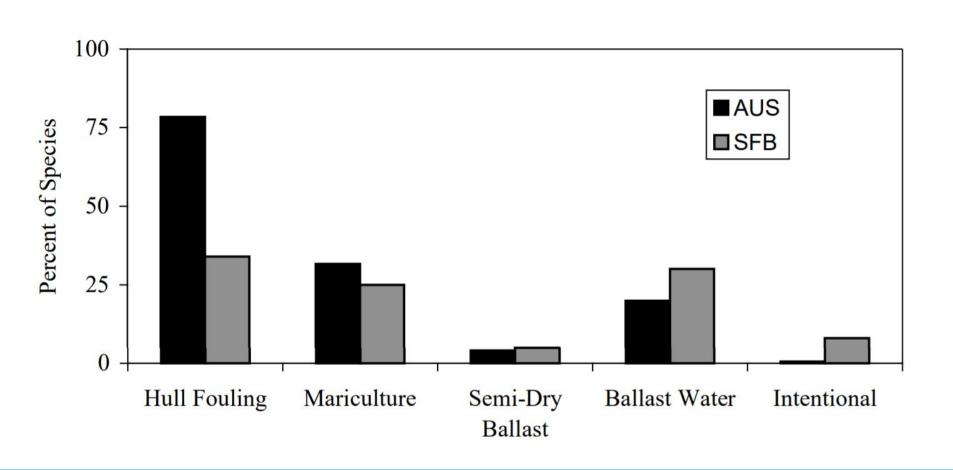


Worksheet Part 4.



Source	Vector	Target taxa
Commercial shipping	Ballast water	Plankton, nekton,
	Hull fouling	benthos in sediment Encrusting, nestling, and some mobile species
	Solid ballast (rocks, sand, etc.)	Encrusting, benthos, meiofauna and flora
Aquaculture and fisheries	Intentional release for stock enhancement	Single species
	Gear, stock or food movement	Various
	Discarded nets, floats, traps, trawls, etc.	Various
	Discarded live packing materials	Various
	Release of transgenic species	Single species
Drilling platforms	Ballast water	Plankton, nekton, benthos in sediment
	Hull fouling	Encrusting, nestling, and some mobile species
Canals	Movement of species through locks due to water motion or active swimming	Various
Aquarium	Accidental or	Aquarium fauna and
Industry	intentional release	flora
Recreational boating	Hull fouling	Encrusting, nestling, and some mobile species
Dive practices	Snorkeling and scuba gear	Algal spores, bacteria, some small mobile species
Floating debris	Discarded plastic debris	Encrusting and some mobile species





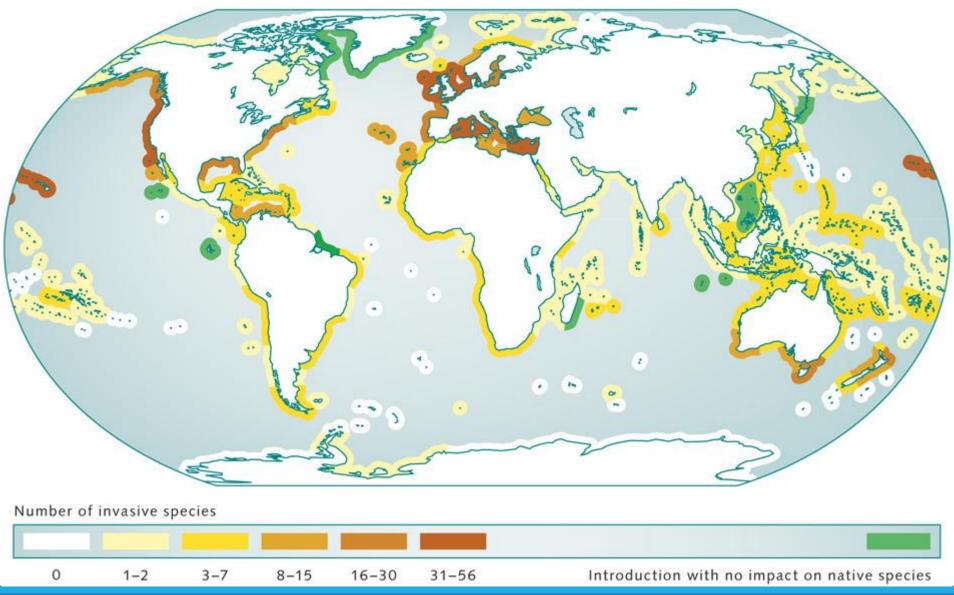


Quick Review

Which taxa can be affected by anthropogenic vectors:

- ☐ Plankton (Yes/No)
- ☐ Nekton (Yes/No)
- ☐ Meiofauna (Yes/No)
- ☐ Benthos (Yes/No)

Invasive species in coastal ecoregions



Invasive Species Are Still Hitching Rides on Tsunami Debris

RESEARCH

BIOGEOGRAPHY

Tsunami-driven rafting: Transoceanic species dispersal and implications for marine biogeography

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documented peak richness in 2012 to 2014 for each object type and region (fig. S7 and fig. S4), 2 to 3 years after debris entry into the Western Pacific Ocean. Strong spring pulses were evident for both landings and species accumulation for each year between 2012 and 2016 (Fig. 2 and fig. S2). These pulses were most pronounced in the Pacific Northwest (5) and were associated with springtime southwesterly or downwelling-favorable winds.

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"...We document 289 living Japanese coastal marine species from 16 phyla transported over 6 years on objects that traveled thousands of kilometers across the Pacific Ocean to the shores of North America and Hawai'i..."







Fig. 1. Japanese tsunami marine debris rafts and associated biota.

(A) Fisheries dock (JTMD-BF-1) (4) from the Port of Misawa, Aomori Prefecture,

Peninsula, Pacific County, Washington (photograph by A. Pleus). (**D**) Post-andbeam wood (JTMD-BF-297) from Tōhoku coast, Honshu, washed ashore 1 April

Control Methods

- Physical removal
- Ecological control
- Chemical control
- ☐ Biological control



Almost done... Learning Outcomes Review

- 1. Aquatic invasive species:
 - are introduced species unintentionally introduced in native communities (yes/no)
 - impact all trophic levels in aquatic native communities (yes/no)
- 2. Introducing a native enemy to control an aquatic invasive species is an example of:
 - physical control (yes/no)
 - biological control (yes/no)
 - ecological control (yes/no)
- 3. Please name at least two aquatic invasive species
- 4. One thing which you didn't know about...





Image credits and resources

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