

Program Name: Invasive Exotic Species Management
Project Name: Aquatic and Upland Invasive Plant Management
Project ID: 2508
Lead Agency: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Authority: Chapter 369, F.S.
Funding Source: Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund

Strategic Plan Goal(s) Addressed: 2.B.2

Measurable Output(s): Acres of upland and aquatic invasive plants controlled¹

Acres Controlled:
 Aquatics Program 27,471
 Uplands Program 91,081

Project Synopsis: The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is the lead agency in Florida responsible for coordinating and funding two statewide programs controlling invasive aquatic and upland plants on public conservation lands and waterways throughout the state. The aquatic plant management program designs, funds, coordinates, and contracts invasive non-native aquatic plant control efforts in Florida's 1.25 million acres of public waters. The upland plant management program coordinates and funds invasive plant removal projects on 11 million acres of public conservation lands, which include federal, state, and local government owned lands.

Current Status: It is difficult if not impossible to eradicate invasive plants once they have become established. Therefore, it is unrealistic to characterize invasive plant management as a restoration activity. It is more accurately described as management that is necessary in perpetuity. FWC strives to manage, on a continuous basis, invasive aquatic plants in public water bodies and invasive upland plants on public conservation lands within the SFWMD region at levels that support and promote healthy populations of native plants for the benefit of fish, wildlife and people.

Cost: TBD
 Total (operations and maintenance)¹:
 Aquatics Program \$8,920,350
 Uplands Program \$5,186,997

Project Schedule:

Start Date: annual
 Finish Date: continuous

Detailed Project Budget Information (1000s):

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Federal	400.0	795.5	944.0	676.9	675.2	800.0	800.0	483.1	800.0
State	20,536.9 ²	28,038.3 ²	22,122.8 ²	29,747.7 ²	38,434.6 ²	38,434.6 ²	34,591.1 ²	20,549.6	14,107.3
Tribal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local	54.3	255.7	129.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	20,991.3	29,089.5	23,195.8	30,424.6	39,109.8	39,234.6	34,591.1	21,032.7	14,907.3

¹Within the 16-county SFWMD region during the previous state fiscal year
²Includes \$1 million match from SFWMD for melaleuca control

Hyperlink: <http://www.myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/invasive-plants/>
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