

Program Name: Invasive Exotic Species Management
Project Name: Aquatic and Upland Invasive Plant Management
Project ID: 2821
Lead Agency: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Authority: Chapter 369, F.S.
Funding Source: Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund

Strategy and Biennial Report Objective Addressed: 2-B.4
Invasive Species Strategic Action Framework Goal: 4

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

Acres Controlled:

Aquatics Program	29,683
Uplands Program	113,104

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:

Total (operations and maintenance)¹:

Aquatics Program	\$7,835,580
Uplands Program	\$3,818,920

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

	2011	2012	2013	Total
Federal	240.2	1,846.1	1,275.9	7,661.0
State	15,099.4	10,447.9	10,378.6	272,110.2
Tribal	0	0	0	0
Local	0	0	0	439.0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	15,339.6	12,294.0	11,654.5	291,864.8

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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