

**Program Name:** Invasive Exotic Species Management  
**Project Name:** **Hole-in-the-Donut**  
**Project ID:** 2507 (Formerly Project ID 2606)  
**Lead Agency:** National Park Service

**Strategic Plan Goal(s) Addressed:** **Primary:** 2.B.1 **Secondary:** 2.A.3

**Measurable Output(s):** Acres infested with Brazilian pepper

**Project Synopsis:** This project will restore approximately 6,300 acres of wetlands within Everglades National Park by removing Brazilian pepper, an invasive exotic plant species, and the disturbed substrate to limestone bedrock. Invasive exotic plants are one of the greatest long-term threats to the Everglades ecosystem. As a result of this project, approximately 6,300 acres will be restored to natural wetlands within the park as mitigation for development projects in other areas of Dade County. The amount of restoration accomplished in the **Hole-in-the-Donut** during any one year is dependent on the amount of mitigation activity occurring in Dade County. A vast seed source with the potential to invade and disturb other areas of the Everglades will be eradicated.

**Current Status:** In FY 2011, 189 acres of Brazilian pepper were eradicated at a cost of \$1,508,875.29. To date 4414 acres of the **Hole-in-the-Donut** have been restored. During FY2011, very few development projects in Miami-Dade requested mitigation from the **Hole-in-the-Donut**, consequently there were insufficient funds with which to conduct restoration in FY 2012. However, over the course of FY12, the **Hole-in-the-Donut** has received sufficient mitigation funds to permit restoration activities to occur in FY13. At this time, it is hoped to be able to restore approximately 250 acres at an estimated cost of \$3,768,294.00

**Cost:**  
 Estimated Total: \$123,750,000

**Project Schedule:**  
 Restoration Start Date: 1994  
 Estimated Restoration Finish Date: 2020  
 Estimated Stewardship Start Date: 2021  
 Estimated Stewardship Finish Date: 2071

**Detailed Project Budget Information (\$1,000)**

	<b>Expenditures FY 2011 (revised)</b>	<b>Expenditures Estimated FY 2012</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,104</b>	<b>58,721</b>	<b>123,750</b>

**Hyperlink:** N/A  
**Point of Contact:** Everglades CFO

**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 controlled<sup>1</sup>

**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)<sup>1</sup>:  
 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 <sup>2</sup>	28,038.3 <sup>2</sup>	22,122.8 <sup>2</sup>	29,747.7 <sup>2</sup>	38,434.6 <sup>2</sup>	38,434.6 <sup>2</sup>	34,591.1 <sup>2</sup>	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,991.3</b>	<b>29,089.5</b>	<b>23,195.8</b>	<b>30,424.6</b>	<b>39,109.8</b>	<b>39,234.6</b>	<b>34,591.1</b>	<b>21,032.7</b>	<b>14,907.3</b>

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

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