

**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

**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 | 40,806 |
| Uplands Program  | 85,014 |

**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)<sup>1</sup>:

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Aquatics Program | \$9,299,684  |
| Uplands Program  | \$11,127,954 |

**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 <sub>2</sub> | 28,038.3 <sub>2</sub> | 22,122.8 <sub>2</sub> | 29,747.7 <sub>2</sub> | 38,434.6 <sub>2</sub> | 38,434.6 <sub>2</sub> | 34,591.1 <sub>2</sub> | 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> |

|              | 2011            | 2012            | 2013            | 2014            | 2015     | Total            |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|------------------|
| Federal      | 240.2           | 1,846.1         | 1,275.9         | 725             | 461      | 8,847.0          |
| State        | 15,099.4        | 10,447.9        | 10,378.6        | 14,581.9        | 20,427.6 | 307,119.7        |
| Tribal       | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               |          | 0                |
| Local        | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               |          | 439.0            |
| Other        | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               |          | 0                |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>15,339.6</b> | <b>12,294.0</b> | <b>11,654.5</b> | <b>15,306.9</b> |          | <b>307,119.7</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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