Bufo marinus

Cane toad

General

1. Toxic venomous toad, high salinity tolerance

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: South America, Central America, Mexico northward to extreme southern Texas
2. Introduced: Massachusetts, Atlantic Coast from Virginia to Florida, Louisiana, Hawai'i, Caribbean
3. Habitat
    - Tolerates very high levels of salinity, tadpoles observed in water meters from the open ocean
    - Found in agricultural areas, lakes, natural forests, riparian zones, urban areas, wetlands

Invasion Pathways

1. Intentional introduction as a biological control for crop pests
2. Accidental release
3. Road vehicle transport
4. Sea freight
5. Water currents

Sources

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