Caiman crocodilus

Spectacled caiman, Common caiman

General
1. Can tolerate saltwater as well as freshwater

Geography and Habitat
1. Native: Southern Mexico, Central America, South America, Caribbean
2. Introduced: California, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, Washington
3. Habitat
    - Found in estuarine habitats, lakes, wetlands, brackish waters

Invasion Pathways
1. Pet industry import escape/release

Sources
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