Cassiopea andromeda

Upside-down jellyfish

Synonyms
1. C. medusa
2. C. mertensii

Threat Scores
1. Ecological Impact
    - A nuisance species that can sting people
    - Ecological impact is so far unstudied
2. Invasive Potential
    - Potential for distribution by ships hull fouling
    - May have been carried with the Levantine coastal currents through Suez Canal
3. Geographic Extent
    - Locally patchy

Geography and Habitat
1. Native: Indo-Pacific
2. Introduced: Hawai'i
3. Habitats
    - Intertidal zones, shallow lagoons, mangroves, estuaries/bays, canals
    - Typically found in shallow lagoons, intertidal sand or mud flats, and around mangroves
    - Common the year round in bays and salt-water canals

Invasion Pathways
1. Ballast water and sediments
2. Hull/Surface fouling
3. Canals that connect waterways

Non-Native Locations
1. 152- Hawaiian Islands

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