Hypophthalmichthys nobilis

Bighead carp

General

1. Deep-bodied, laterally compressed fish with big head, brackish

Geography and Habitat

1. Species found in China and Russia (native), Africa, Asia, Australasia-Pacific, North America, South America
2. Climate: temps 0.5^0 - 38^0C, brackish water of 6-12 ppt.
3. North America: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia
4. Found in lakes, rivers, and reservoirs

Invasion Pathways

1. Aquaculture, landscape/fauna 'improvement', live food trade, dispersed locally via intentional release

Sources

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